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Letters Sent to

Miscellaneous Recipients

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July 2, 1917.

The Auditor
for the Treasury.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contracts for furnishing supplies to the U. S. Assay Office at New York, duly signed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

TEN:

Washington,

July 3, 1917.

le Pasco Mining Mining Co.,
New York City.

Please make application for Peruvian Discs through Peruvian Legation and our State Department.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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PARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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July 3, 1917.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your telegram of this date, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, has been referred to this Bureau.

Your name has been placed upon our list, and when the Department is again in the market for silver you will be invited to bid.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint

By M. M. O'Reill

Acting Director.

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July 3, 1917.

Mr. E. L. Taylor,
Madisonville, Ky.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the box forwarded by you containing metal, and regret to advise you that the same is not sufficient to constitute a deposits in any of the Mints. There is no office in Washington, connected with the Government, where such material is received.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1918.

Waskall Brothers July 3 7

823 H Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

ctor of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

4411 Acid, Nitric,

(b)	C. P., sp. gr. 1.42 in 7 pound bottles,	10	bot.	Per lb .13

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 5, 1917.

Mr. Bernard Baruch,
Chairman of Committee on Raw Materials,
Council of National Defense.

Dear Sir:

In the course of the year the purchases of copper for coinage amount to approximately 1,500,000 pounds. The metal is used in the three coinage mints, located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

This Bureau would like to be permitted to purchase copper upon the same basis as other departments of the Government, at the special rate obtained by the Council of National Defense.

The copper purchased by us is essentially for Government work, and a large saving would result if we could avail ourselves of the arrangement entered into with copper dealers to supply copper.

The mints use the best grade electrolytic copper. We would like to purchase it in ingots weighing not over twenty pounds, and have deliveries made from time to time as required. The estimated amount for the coming year is 1,500,000 pounds.

Will you please advise me if you would care to take the matter up with the copper dealers in our behalf.

The Denver Mint has made requisition for 70,000 pounds and the Philadelphia Mint for 100,000 pounds of copper for August delivery. We will await your advice before filling these two orders, and will greatly appreciate any assistance you may feel disposed to render us.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

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July 6, 1917.

New England Equitable Insurance Co.,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd ultimo I beg to advise you that under date of June 28, 1917, the Secretary of the Treasury approved the bond of Bernard V. Matson in the sum of $3,000, National Surety Company as surety.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

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July 6, 1917.

The Auditor
for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contract for light and for power to be supplied the U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, during the fiscal year 1918, duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. McReel

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1917.

Hon. Henry B. Steagall,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing a communication from Mr. W. G. Dudley, Opelika, Alabama.

I would suggest that the burned coin referred to by Mr. Dudley be sent to the Treasurer of the United States for inspection, and determination as to whether the same can be redeemed. If the coin cannot be redeemed the Treasurer will advise the owner. The Mint would receive the melted metal as bullion, and pay the bullion value of the coin, less the nominal charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The price of silver to-day is about 77 cents an ounce.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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July 6, 1917.

Mr. George V. Welch,
Co. 6, U.S.T.C.,
Fort Riley, Kansas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

Under a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury you are entitled to pay up to an amount equal to $2,000 per annum. The following is an excerpt from the decision:-

> * * "While the employees referred to are not entitled to military leave under the provisions of section 80 of the act of June 30, 1916, or the act of March 1, 1889, (25 Stat. 779) as amended by the act of July 1, 1902, (32 Stat., 615) I see no reason why they should not be paid their regular salaries as Treasury Department officers or employes for such period prior to their actual muster into the service as would be covered by annual leave granted to them in accordance with law. And even after actual muster into the service of the United States enlisted men may continue to receive pay as officers or employees of the department until the expiration of the leave granted (5 Comp. Dec. 9) <u>provided the combined pay of the military and civil positions does not exceed $2,000 per annum. If it does exceed $2,000 payment of any compensation as a civilian officer or employee would be prohibited</u> under the provisions of section 6 of the act of May 10, 1916. (Pub. No. 73.). * * *

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint
By M. McReelly
Acting Director.

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July 6, 1917.

Mr. A. L. Dasher
711 Orange Street,
Macon, Ga.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I regret to advise you that the Mints and assay offices of the United States do not receive deposits which do not approximate $100 in value.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1917.

Mr. Leroy Pompa,
429 So. River Street,
Aurora, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo I beg to say that the "Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Dennis E. Jewett,
Rushtown, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th ultimo I beg to advise you that the piece described by you is what is known as a "token cent". The pieces is not a coin of the United States, but was issued by private parties.

I am unable to advise you as to its numismatic value.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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July 6, 1917.

Mr. C. H. Eduards,
118 Bowlingbrook St.,
Petersburg, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd instant I regret to advise you that small deposits are not received at the mints or assay offices. Deposits having a value of less than $100 are not receivable.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McKeelly

Acting Director.

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Mr. J. D. Williams,
Bolivar, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant I beg to say that money of the United States is coined on Government account only.

If you deposit gold bullion having a value of $100 and over you will receive payment in check on the Treasurer of the United States which can be cashed for money. There is no mint or assay Office in Washington. The mints are located at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReelly

Acting Director.

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July 6, 1918.

Mr. Simpson W. Day,
Anderson, Indiana.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo and to thank you for your suggestion of a design for our five-cent nickel piece.

No change could be made in any of the coins now in circulation without authority from Congress.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint,

By N. McFadden

Acting Director.

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Amer. S. &. R. Co.
Amer. Metal Co., Ltd.
U. S. Smelting Co.
Zimmermann & Forshay
United Metals Selling Co.
The Equitable Trust Co. of Ne w York.

July 7, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive proposals upon the delivery of 200,000 ounces of fine silver to the U. S. Assay Office, New York. Bids will be received until 2 o'clock, Tuesday, July 10, and should be made on a basis of 1000-fine silver. You are requested to make proposal.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

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July 9, 1917.

The Chief
of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has requested this Bureau to purchase fourteen tons of electrolytic copper to be used in the manufacture of Philippine coin.

It has been our practice to purchase the required amount of copper for the Philippine coinage in the open market upon competitive bids, and to be reimbursed by you when the coinage is completed.

It is understood by this Bureau that an agreement has been entered into through the Council of National Defense by which copper is to be supplied to the War Department and the Navy Department at a special rate.

I beg to suggest that the Bureau of Insular Affairs might find it of advantage to the Government to purchase copper for the Philippine coinage under this special agreement. The quality of copper required by the Mint is the best grade electrolytic copper, in ingots weighing between ten and twenty pounds each.

Before inviting bids in the open market I have to request that

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this Bureau be advised as to the expediency of negotiating under the special agreement for a supply of copper. It would appear that a large saving might be effected if the copper were purchased by the War Department and ordered delivered to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint San Francisco

ernational Nickel Company,
Mr. Fred S. Hardesty, Special Representative,
Washington, D. C.

July 9 7

Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

		Per lb.
Screened shot nickel for minor coinage	10 tons	$0.437

Above price includes delivery to U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1918.

Underwood Typewriter Company

Washington, D. C. July 7 7

Superintendent U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado

Underwood Typewriter No. 3/12 elite type

with art Gothic numerals 75 50

(To be delivered through the agent of the

Underwood Typewriter Company at Denver)

75 50

N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 10, 1917.

Hon. R. T. Baker
213 Mountain Avenue
Piedmont, California.

President signed quarter-dollar bill yesterday. Secretary approves design without change. Will now go ahead with dies.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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OVERNMENT RATES.
E TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 10, 1917.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant confirming telegram of even date offering silver to the Assay Office at New York.

We were in need of fine silver to be used in making immediate payment for deposits of unrefined silver. Silver in the form of pesos would not have served our purpose at this time.

Thanking you for the courtesy of the offer, I am

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By Nelson O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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July 10, 1917.

Goldman, Sachs & Co.,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant I beg to say that the Act of April 12, 1900, to provide revenues and a civil government for Porto Rico made provision for the redemption of all Porto Rican coins, and substituted therefor the coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

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July 10, 1917.

Chevalier & Tully,
218 East Lexington Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant I beg to submit the following:

At the present time our New York Office is obtaining on an average from 5 to 7 melts per day from graphite crucibles on gold, and from 4 to 5 melts on silver. The life of the crucible is one day, and the following day it is used on "sweats".

We are purchasing from Gautier & Co., Dixon Crucible Company, and Jonathan Bartley Crucible Company.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Night message.

Washington,

July 11, 1917.

Hon. R. T. Baker
C/. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent at Denver wires he will need no deficiency. Bureau had not sent estimate forward. Everything all right here.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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ENT RATES.
URY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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July 12, 1917.

Finance Department, (Dominion Government),
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

The compilation of statistics makes it necessary that I renew the annual request of this Bureau to be advised as to the amount of United States gold coin held by the Dominion Government of Canada at the close of the calendar year 1916.

held by you

I shall greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter and assure you that the information will be treated as strictly confidential and used solely for statistical purposes in the compilation of aggregates.

Very truly yours,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By, N. McKinley
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Similar letter sent to the following:

Bank of Montreal,
Montreal, Canada.

The Quebec Bank,
Montreal, Canada. ← absorbed by Royal Bank of Canada in 1917

The Bank of Nova Scotia,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

letter 1918 - [illegible] in. } The Bank of British North America,
Montreal, Canada. absorbed by Bank of Montreal - Mar. 1918

The Bank of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

The Molsons Bank,
Montreal, Canada.

Banque National,
Quebec, Quebec, Canada.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Banque Provinciale du Canada,
Motreal, Quebec, Canada.

Union Bank of Canada,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto, Canada.

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

The Dominion Bank,
Toronto, Canada.

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Banque d'Hochelaga,
Montreal, Canada.

The Standard Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Bank of Hamilton,
Hamiton, Ontario, Canada.

The Bank of Ottawa,
Ottowa, Ontario, Canada.

The Imperial Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

The Home Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

The Northern Crown Bank,
Winnipeg, Canada. ← absorbed by Royal Bank 6/30/18

The Sterling Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Weyburn Security Bank,
Assiniboia,
Saskatchewan, Canada.

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Director Mint,

Contingent Expenses Off. Director Mint, 1918.

The Bankers Publishing Co., July 12 77

New York, N.Y.

Director of the Mint.

Bankers Magazine for one year from

July 1, 1917. 1 5.00

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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Director of the Mint,

Contingent Expenses Off. Director Mint 1918.

e Publishers of The Annalist, July 12 7

c/o The Times, New York, N. Y.

irector of the Mint.

The Annalist for 1 yr. from July 1,

1917. 1 4.00

M- McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint,

Contingent Expenses Off. Dir. Mint, 1918.

The Proprietors of The Statist, July 12 7

#51 Cannon St., London, E.C. Eng.

Director of the Mint,

The Statist for 1 yr, from July 1,

1917. 1 9.08

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dir. Mint.

Contingent Expenses, Off. Dir. Mint, 1918.

Publishers of The Economist, July 12 7

3 Arundel St. Strand, London W.C. Eng.

Director of the Mint.

The Economist for one year from

July 1, 1917. 1 10.70

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dir. Mint.

Contingent Expenses, Off. Dir. Mint 1918

Publishers of The Mining Journal, July 12 7

#15 George St. Mansion House, London E.C.Eng.

Director of the Mint.

The Mining Journal for 1 yr. from

July 1, 1917 1 7.30

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dir. Mint

Contingent Expenses Off. Dir. Mt. 1918

Publishers of The Mining World, July 12 7

The Gresham House, London, E.C.

Director of the Mint.

The Mining World for one yr, from

July 1, 1917. 1 6.20

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dir. Mint

Contingent Expenses Off. Dir. Mint, 1918.

William B. Dana Co., Publishers, July 12, 7

#138 Front St., New York, N.Y.

Director of the Mint.

Com. & Fin. Chronicle for 1 yr,

from July 1, 1917 1 10.00

Mr. McRee

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dir. Mint.

Contingent Expenses Off. Dir. Mint 1918

Publishers of Journal of Com. & Com. Bltn., July 12 7

#32 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Director of the Mint

Journal of Commerce & Commercial Bltn.

for 1 yr. from July 1, 1917 1 12.00

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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Dir. Mint,

Contingent Expenses Off. Director of the Mint 1918

McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. July 12 7

#505 Pearl St., New York, N.Y.

Director of the Mint,

Engineering & Mining Journal for

1 year from July 1917 1 5.00

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dir. Mint,

Contingent Expenses Off. Dir. Mt., 1918.

Waterlow & Sons Ltd. July 12 7

85-86 London Wall, London, England.

Director of the Mint.

Bankers Magazine for 1 yr. from

July 1, 1917. 1 5.11

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1917.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this bureau not later than Monday, July 16th, of the date on which you will furnish the following amounts of best electrolytic copper for the coinage to the institutions named:-

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, ... 100,000 lbs.
" " San Francisco ..... 24 tons.
" " Denver, ... 35 tons

Please make price covering delivery to the mint buildings.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

Isaac Cleaveland,
Baltimore, Md.

M. Vogelstein & Co.,
United Metals Selling Co.
American Metals Co.,

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July 13, 1917.

The Yokahoma Specie Bank,
Equitable Building,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant I beg to say that this Bureau receives figures covering the annual production of silver only.

I regret that I am unable to suggest to you where the figures you desire might be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

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July 23, 1917.

Mr. J. D. Williams,
Bolivar, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant I beg to advise you that the metal you have, if gold, and in quantity sufficient to approximate $100 in value, or over, will be received by the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, and paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce. The bullion would have to be sent to the Mint at Philadelphia by you, charges prepaid, and after it was melted and assayed to test its value, a check would be sent to you for the amount, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By N. McFarlan

Acting Director.

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July 13, 1917.

Mr. B. S. Cutler,
Assistant Chief of Division,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant relative to the assaying of sample jewelry, I beg to say that the laboratory of this Bureau is not equipped to do such work.

The material you describe could be assayed at the U. S. Mint, New Orleans, at charges sufficient to cover the cost of the work. Accounts are rendered quarterly to the various departments for which assaying is done by our institutions.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

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July 14, 1917.

Mr. Reginald Huth,
32 Phillimore Gardens,
Kensington, London, England.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I beg to say that an experimental half-dollar in platinum was struct by the Mint in 1814, but no other coin was ever manufactured in platinum at our Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By N. McReilly

Acting Director.

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Mr. J. H. Peters,
Cashier, The Peoples National Bank,
Gate City, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I beg to say that the trade dollar was retired by Act of February 19, 1887. For six months after the passage of the act they were redeemed at face value. After that time they had bullion value only. The coin weighed, when first issued from the mint, 420 grains. The pure silver contents weighed 378 grains. At to-day's market price of silver the metal in a full weight trade dollar would be 63 cents.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M McReilly

Acting Director.

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July 16, 1917.

Mr. J. P. S. Voght,

C/o U. S. Mint, Denver.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your travel expense voucher with request that two vouchers with supporting sub-vouchers be furnished - one carrying the expenses to and including June 30th and the other carrying the expenses subsequent to June. This is necessary because two separate appropriations are chargeable with these expenses pertaining to different fiscal years.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

BE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 16, 1917.

American Metal Co.,

61 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Your bid copper for Philadelphia Mint accepted.

O'Reilly,

Acting Director Mint.

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ERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 16, 1917.

L. Vogelstein & Co.,

142 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Your bid copper for Denver Mint accepted also for ten tons for San Francisco Mint if offer holds for this quantity.

O'Reilly,

Acting Director Mint.

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NMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 17-1917.

L. Vogelstein & Co.,

#42 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Reference copper for San Francisco Mint conditions have changed and we can accept your offer for entire twenty four tons. Wire reply if satisfactory.

M.M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director Mint.

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DE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Con. Ex Bureau Mint 1918.
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Director of the Mint.

Minor Coinage Metal Fund.

July 16, 1917

L. Vogelstein & Co.,
#42 Broadway, New York City.

Superintendent U.S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Best grade electrolytic copper in ingots of 10 to 20 lbs. delivered to Mint	70,000 lbs	.29¢	20,300.00

20,300.00

R. T. Baker, Director of the Mint,
By, M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund

The American Metal Company, Ltd.

New York City.

July 16, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Best grade electrolytic copper in ingots of 10 to 20 lbs. delivered to Mint	100,000 lbs.	28¢	28,000 00
			28,000 00

R. T. Baker, Director of the Mint,
By W. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund

L. Vogelstein & Co.

42 Broadway, New York City

July 17, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Best grade electrolytic copper in ingots of 10 to 20 lbs., delivered to Mint	48,000 lbs.	29½¢	14,160 00

14,160 00

R. T. Baker, Director of the Mint
By M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

NIGT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 17, 1917.

F. H. Chaffin,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Weight gold ingots placed under seal by settlement committee three hundred twenty four thousand five hundred five point eighty four ounces. If satisfactory to superintendent attach new joint seal with correct figures; if unsatisfactory recount.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 19-1917.

Hon. Ray Baker,
213 Mountain Avenue,
Piedmont, Cal.

Check received from American Security. Thanks for thoughtfulness. Business of Bureau good condition See telegram of seventeenth at San Francisco.Mint.

O'Reilly.

AL BUSINESS,
OVERNMENT RATES.
E TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contin. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 19-1917.

Mr. A. B. Wilson,
U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your travel expense voucher covering travel to San Francisco, with request that two vouchers with supporting sub-vouchers be furnished - one for expenses in July, the other for expenses prior to July as expenses for these periods are chargeable to separate appropriations.

Attention is also invited to the fact that laundry expense is chargeable on the day on which it is paid as part of the $5.00 subsistence allowance; it is not allowable as a separate additional expense.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By, M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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July 19-1917.

The Commercial and Financial Chronicle,
#138 Front St., New York,

Gentlemen:

Referring to your inquiry of the 18th. instant I beg to advise that the final figures for gold and silver production in the United States in 1916 will not be available until about October.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the preliminary estimate which it is hoped will meet your needs.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By, M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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July 20, 1917.

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

Will you please let me know when you expect to return to duty? Formal application for a definite period, usual in case of extended absence, was not made and I am entirely without information as to your plans.

Would suggest that since this is our busiest time of year, with but a limited time in which to prepare the annual report and the "Monetary Systems" waiting, you plan to return as soon as possible.

I hope that your duty in Denver was a pleasant experience and that you have enjoyed your vacation with home folk.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By M. McReelly

Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

July 20, 1917.

Mr. Wm. F. Woestehoff,

515 Carson St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th you are advised that the present value of the silver contained in a silver dollar is approximately 61¢; the value varies with the market price of silver, the present price being unusually high. The difference between the cost of the silver content and the face value, known as seigniorage, is a profit to the Government.

Under separate cover I am forwarding you copy of a pamphlet covering information concerning coin, paper currency, etc., which may be of interest in connection with your class work.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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July 20, 1917.

Zimmermann & Forshay,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 17th concerning the procuring of fine silver from the Philadelphia Mint, I beg to advise that the Superintendent of the Mint was authorized in this instance to accomodate you with the desired material.

You will appreciate, however, that we are not in position to continue the practice, since we do not maintain a refinery at Philadelphia and must transfer fine silver from the New York Assay Office to Philadelphia, or purchase it in the open market.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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July 20, 1917.

Cerro de Pasco Mining Co.,

15 Broad Street, New York.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has been instructed to proceed with the manufacture of 200,000 blanks for the Peruvian Pound Sterling, in accordance with the request of the Charge de Affaires of Peru under date of July 3, 1917, you having been named by him the agent to receive and make payment for same at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of the Mint has been requested to expedite the manufacture of these blanks.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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July 21, 1917.

Royal Embroidery Works,

136 Madison Ave., New York City.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your inquiry of the 17th I beg to enclose herewith a corrected copy of the circular "Value of Foreign Coins" as proclaimed July 1, 1917.

The error occurred through a combination of circumstances and is much regretted. It is being corrected by the issue of another edition.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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July 21, 1917.

Collector of Customs,

New York City.

Sir:

Your letter PH/A of the 20th addressed to the Secretary, inquiring concerning the value of the Shanghai tael as proclaimed July 1, 1917, has been referred to this office for reply.

Am enclosing a corrected copy of the circular "Value of Foreign Coins" and beg to advise that a corrected edition will soon be ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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July 24, 1917.

Wells Fargo & Co.,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning for accomplishment bill of lading No. T91254, which is a sub-voucher to your bill No. T/D 14-617. Your bill will be held in this office pending the return hereto of accomplished bill of lading.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint

By

Acting Director.

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July 24, 1917.

Mr. Jacob Peel,
Hotel Benson,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

Your letter of July 18th. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, with reference to platinum has been referred to this office for reply. The Government is not purchasing platinum nor is platinum included in the list of metals upon which assays are made at the assay offices in this service as they are not equipped to make such determinations.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

July 24, 1917.

J. T. Crosby, Mgr.,
National City Bank,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd. instant and regret to advise you that the new edition of the "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is not yet ready for distribution but expect to be able to distribute it within a very short time as the proof has just been received from the public printing office. A copy will be forwarded immediately upon its receipt and your name has been placed on the mailing list for the quarterly circular giving values of foreign coins.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By, F. E. Raffin
Acting Director.

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July 24, 1917.

L. Vogelstein & Co.,
#42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your request of the 23rd., I enclose herewith blank vouchers to be used in connection with billing on the mints at Denver and San Francisco for copper purchased from you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By, Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

July 24, 1917.

Mrs. B. Manzy,

Taft, Mexico.

Madame:

This office has received your letter enclosed with small bar of metal and while the offices are not required to accept deposits containing less than $100 in value an exception has been made in this case and the metal forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint so that it may be treated and any value in excess of the charges incurred will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint.

By,

Acting Director.

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July 24, 1917.

Mr. P. H. O'Connell,
#2526 Woodbine St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Gold assaying is described in various books on assaying, but no special methods have been established as standards. The method generally preferred in the mint service was described in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for 1896 which can be consulted in several of the large libraries of New York and Brooklyn. A desription of a method for determining small amounts of platinum is being sent you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

Acting Director.

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Director of the Mint.

Contingent Expenses, U.S. Mint, Denver, Col. 1918

L. C. Smith & Bros.,
Washington, D.C.

July 24, 1917

U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado.

One type-writer, the L.C. & Bros., machine Model No. 8, with decimal tabulator, delivered F.O.B. Denver,	1	$70.00

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1917.

Mr. W. G. Dudley,
Route 9, Opelika, Ala.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th. inst. and have also this day received piece of metal which was presumed to be burned silver coin and have to return the same herewith and to advise you that it is lead and of no value.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint
By,

Acting Director.

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July 25, 1917.

Mr. Charles Parker,
R.F.D.-3- Box 183,
Hartford, N.C.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 22nd. inst., I beg to advise you that I am unable to say whether the metal which you have has any value without making an examination of it. The Government purchases gold and silver bullion in quantities of not less than $100 in value but we would suggest before sending this metal to a mint that you ascertain, by sending sample here, whether it has any value.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

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July 25, 1917.

Subject - Accounts.

Supervising Architect,

Washington.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Helena Assay Office for one half the common expenses of that and the Internal Revenue office occupying the same building, paid by the Assay Office during the quarter ended June 30, 1917.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1917" in the sum of $29.92.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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July 25, 1917.

Mr. Chas. H. Bates,

Attorney Union Pacific R. R. Co.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning bill No. 20373 covering transportation of scratch pads from Washington to Denver, and beg to invite attention to the fact that the bill of lading, No. T9833A, does not support claim of the Union Pacific R. R. Co., it carrying indication of delivery by the Pennsylvania R. R..

If the Union Pacific R. R. Co. actually made delivery it is suggested that you have the consignee certify to that effect and resubmit your claim.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

July 25, 1917.

Mr. Robert H. Morton,
#385 Main St.,
Everett, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 17th. instant respecting twenty-five cent gold pieces you are informed that the U. S. Government has never coined or issued gold pieces of the above denomination.

The piece you have reference to was probably made by local, private concerns in California as souvenirs.

We have no knowledge of the number of pieces made.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.
By,

Acting Director.

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July 25, 1917.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith original contracts approved by the Assistant Secretary, B.R. Newton, covering telephone service, in the U.S. Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.
By,

Acting Director.

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July 25, 1917.

George Huddleston, M. C.

Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

In answer to your letter of July 23, I beg to say that this Government has never authorized the coinage of fifty-cent copper pieces. Under separate cover I am enclosing copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, for 1916, and have to refer you to pages 70-78, where you will find a table showing coinages by the United States.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

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July 26, 1917.

Olympia National Bank,
Olympia, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of July 17, I have to say that without inspecting the coin to which you refer it will be impossible to say definitely what it is but it is believed that it is a token piece, many of which were stamped during the year referred to in your letter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint

By,

Acting Director.

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July 26, 1917.

Citizens Bank,

Mt. Olive, N.C.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of July 20, addressed to the Treasury Department, I beg to say that this office cannot advise you as to the status of foreign currency.

Foreign coins are worth their bullion value when they are deposited in the mints.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By, F. E. Scheffler
Acting Director.

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July 26, 1917.

Mr. B. O. McGee,

Klamath Falls, Ore.

Sir:

This Bureau does not deal in books commercially. It will be necessary for you to apply to a book store or publisher. The following books can be recommended:-

Methods in Metallurgical Analysis
by Prof. Charles H. White,
published by D.Van Nostrand Co.,
25 Park Place, New York.

Notes on Assaying
by R. W. Lodge,
published by John Wiley & Co.,
New York.

Manual of Practical Assaying
by Furman & Pardoe
published by John Wiley & Co.,
New York, N.Y.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By,

Acting Director.

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July 26, 1917.

Hon. James P. Glynn,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The following are good concerns to send your graphite to for analysis:

Ledoux & Co.,
#99 John St., New York,

John H. Banks & Son,
#61 Broadway, New York,

Dr. Chas. F. McKenna,
#50 Church St., New York,

Booth, Garrett & Blair,
404-6 Locust St., Phila. Pa.

Pittsburg Testing Laboratory,
Pittsburg, Pa.

I would suggest that you submit samples of your material to the following and ask them what they would give for it.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, New Jersey,

J.H. Gautier & Co.,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

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Hon. J.P.G.

July 26, 1917.

Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co.,
Trenton, New Jersey.

National Carbon Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

McCullough Dalzell Crucible Co.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of the Dir. of Mint. 1918

Mackall Brothers, July 25, 7

#823 H. St., N.E., Washington, D.C.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4411 Acid, Nitric,

(b) C.p., sp. gr. 1.42 in 7 pound per lb.

bottles, 10 bot. .13

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 27, 1917.

Dear Mr. Welch:

Am enclosing copy of a letter mailed to Mr. Annear today, concerning your claim for pay while on leave of absence from the Denver mint, which I trust will clear the matter up for you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

July 28, 1917.

Mr. E. Hening Smith,
#7013 E. Bay Street,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 14, in relation to coinage of a two and one half cent piece and beg to advise that several bills have been introduced in Congress but up to the present time no legislation has been effected authorizing such coinage.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By, T. D. Chaffin
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

W. A. Philpott, Jr.,
Sec. of Texas Bankers Association,
Dallas, Texas.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of July 10, I am mailing to you, under separate cover, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for 1917.

Answering your query as to proof coins I beg to say that the coinage of proof coins has been discontinued.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.
By,
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

Mr. M. E. Wile,
Assistant Secretary,
Security Trust Co.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. instant addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this office and in reply I beg to inform you that there have been several bills introduced in Congress with the view to authorizing the coinage of the coins mentioned in your letter but up to the present time no legislation has been effected authorizing such denominations.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

Mr. Hayden Montgomery,
#1001 Walnut St.,
Cairo, Ill.

Sir:

In answer to yours of July 11th., I beg to advise you that we will accept gold and silver deposits of the value of not less than $100 (one hundred dollars).

If the silver referred to in your letter is sufficient to constitute the quantity referred to, you may forward it to the U.S. Mint at Denver and you will receive a check for the value less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

Mr. N. A. Merrill,
R.F.D.-1- Box 186,
Rialto, California.

Sir:

In compliance with yours of the 9th. instant I am forwarding to you, under separate cover a report of the Director of the Mint for 1916.

You should be able to obtain the new design twent-five cent piece from your local bank ~~and~~ but, if not there, no doubt you could obtain it through the sub-treasury at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
A. W. Shafter
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

Mrs. Mary Skidmore,
#50- Forest Ave.,
Summit, N.J.

Madame:

In answer to your letter of July 24, I beg to advise that no legislation has yet been effected which authorizes coinage of minor coins of other than five and one cent pieces.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

July 28, 1917.

Mr. Walter A. Fox,
P.O. Box #136,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Sir:

In answer to yours of July 10, I beg to refer you to Mr. Jas. E. Fraser, McDougal Alley, New York, who is the designer of the Buffalo nickel and can give you the information desired.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

Mr. John McGregor,
Chatham Bars Inn,
Chatham, Mass.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of July 7th., I beg to advise you that the head is placed upon the obverse or date side of all coins.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

Mr. Wm. F. Woestchoff,

Sir:

Your letter of July 18 addressed to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia has been referred to this office and in reply I beg to advise that the Government has discontinued coinage of silver dollars.

Subsidiary silver of the value of $1.38 can be coined from one ounce of silver coining current price of which is 78½ per ounce.

The difference between the face and bullion value of the coin is the seigniorage or profit of the Government.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

Mr. E. M. Batchelder,
Merchants National Bank,
Salem, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of July 17, addressed to me at Philadelphia has been referred to this office for answer and in reply I beg to advise you that several bills have been introduced in Congress authorizing the coinage of coins of denominations other than those now in circulation but up to the present time no legislation has been accomplished.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

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July 28, 1917.

Hon. Thomas S. Martin,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator,

Your letter of July 16, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury with which you enclose a letter received by you from Mr. P.L. Reed, with reference to the coinage of 2½, 7½ and 12½ cent coins has been referred to this office and I beg to say that during the past year several bills have been introduced in Congress for the coinage of coins other than those now in circulation but up to the present time no legislation along this line has been accomplished.

It would seem that if any new coin is to be authorized, a half cent piece would more closely meet the requirements than any other.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
Director of the Mint.

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July 30, 1917.

Leo B. Von Nertra,
Technical Official & Departmental Representative,
Office Supervising Architect,

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of July 12, 1917- I have to say-

1- That the rooms occupied by this Bureau are located satisfactorily.

2- The interior arrangement is satisfactory.

3- The rooms have good natural light and ventilation.

4- The space is used economically.

5- The rooms are not over-crowded.

Since 1873, the year in which the Bureau was organized the number of persons who have been and are now employed are as follows:-

By five year periods-

1873 - 10 persons
1878 - 10 "
1883 - 18 "
1888 - 18 "
1893 - 18 "
1903 - 18 "

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1908 - 18 Persons
1913 - 14 "
1917 - 13 "

The work of this Bureau is increasing and I anticipate it will be necessary to increase the working force by at least five and probably ten clerks during the twenty years to come.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.
By,

Acting Director.

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July 30, 1917.

Mr. Ross Allen Baker,
Mound, Minn.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 23, and by registered mail have received a package of bullion forwarded by you.

While the offices in this mint are not required to receive deposits which have value of less than $100 (one hundred dollars) I have forwarded this bullion to the mint at Philadelphia with request that it be treated and the proceeds less treatment charges forwarded to your address.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
Acting Director.

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July 30, 1917.

Mr. L. J. Seff,
#242 E. Main St.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th.instant I beg to advise that the mints and assay offices of this service purchase gold and silver bullion in quantities of not less than $100 (one hundred dollars) in value.

In case you desire to ship bullion to a mint or assay office, you should forward the same to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia or to the U.S. Assay Office at New York, N.Y.

The price paid for gold is 20.67+ per fine ounce and at the current price of silver, 78 cents, per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

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July 30, 1917.

Mr. W. L. Kincaid,

Tye, Texas.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 25th., I beg to advise you that the Government purchases gold and silver bullion but does not purchase ores. It will be necessary, in the case mentioned by you for your friend to send his ore to a smelter or to a sample works for treatment.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

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July 30, 1917.

Mr. T. L. Bowman,
Lenoir City,
Tenn.

Sir:

In answer to yours of the 27th. instant I beg to say that the mint at New Orleans makes assays on ores. I enclose card herewith which sets forth determinations which they make and the charges therefor.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

Enc.

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July 30, 1917.

Miss Ellen Batey,
Blue Mountain,
Miss.

Madame:

Answering your letter of July 27th., I enclose herewith circular which will give you the desired information.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.
By,
Acting Director.

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July 30, 1917.

Mrs. Randolph,

#1434 McCollot St.,

Baltimore, Md.

Madame:

Answering your letter of the 28th. instant, I beg to advise you that the Government is not, through its mints and assay offices, puchasing platinum.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By, Acting Director.

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July 30, 1917.

Mr. Chauncey Smith,
#78 S. Pryor St.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Sir:

Your letter of June 20, has been received and read with interest but no change in our coinage system can be made without a special act of Congress.

Respectfully,
R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,
Acting Director.

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July 30, 1917.

Mr. Wm. MacIntosh,
#318 W. 57th. St.,
New York City.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of June 26, I regret to say that there is no position in the mint service, at the present time, to which you could be appointed.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By,

Acting Director.

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July 31, 1917.

Mr. Reginald Trautschold,
#39 Charles St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of June 28, 1917 I wish to say that a publication entitled Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World will soon be issued from this office - galley proofs of which have already been received from the printer.

Your name has been placed on our list so that you will receive a copy as soon as published.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

Acting Director.

E.E.

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July 31, 1917.

Mrs. H. L. Shelton,
1447 S. C. Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Madam:

Your letter of the 10th instant, which reached this Bureau in due course, has been held pending the return of officials in charge of such transfers.

It would be necessary for the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to make request for your transfer to the Mint at Philadelphia, providing he had a vacancy to which you were eligible to fill. There is no position in the Mint corresponding to that of printers' assistant. However, I would suggest that you write to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and inform him of your desire to be transferred, and outline for him your qualifications and Civil Service status.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint

By.

Acting Director.

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August 1, 1917.

Mr. John J. Keenan,
National Bank of Commerce,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo I beg to advise you that a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916 is being forwarded herewith.

I would suggest that reference to a file of the "London Economist" or "The Statist" would give you recent figures as to the gold holdings of the countries enumerated in your letter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

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August 1, 1917.

Denver Fire Clay Co.,

Denver, Colo.

Gentlemen:

We have in our Deadwood office an Iler pulverizer which is desired in another office in this service but I am advised that the discs are manufactured of a metal that wears out quickly when grinding hard materials.

On a recent visit to Denver I was advised that you are now manufacturing discs for pulverizers sold by you that are of much harder material.

Will you please advise me whether such discs are made for the Iler pulverizer, and the cost per set?

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By, Applegarth

Acting Director.

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August 1, 1917.

The Auditor
for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contract for supplying the U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, with coal during the fiscal year 1918, duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 2, 1917.

Equitable Trust Co.,
New York City.

Request for manufacture Peruvian discs, and name of agent to receive and make payment for the same at Philadelphia Mint would have to reach us through State Department from representative of Peruvian Government at this Capital. Order could be filled in two weeks after receipt of authority.

Baker
Director Mint

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ERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Mx. Mint Bureau 1918.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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August 2, 1917.

Mr. John J. Keenan,
Assistant Cashier,
National Bank of Commerce,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of July 10th, 1917 I wish to say that the data requested by you cannot be furnished until about November 1st. at which time the returns from the principal foreign countries may be complete.

Respectfully,

E.B.

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington, August 3, 1917

J. H. Gautier & Co.,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

San Francisco in urgent need of four hundred dippers ordered March thirty first promised in three to four weeks. When will they be shipped?

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contin. Expenses, Mint Bureau 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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August 3, 1917.

Mr. Leo Granel,
Red Lake Falls,
Minn.

Sir;

Your letter of July 26, addressed to the Treasury Department, has been referred to this office for answer.

The piece to which you refer is probably a Centennial medal made at the Philadelphia Mint in 1876.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 3, 1917.

Miss Madeline Guthrie,
2421 N. Sawyer Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Miss:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

The issue of a coin of any other denomination or description than those now in circulation would require an act of Congress.

Your letter has been read with interest, and is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 3, 1917.

Mr. D. Robinson,
#1125 Pendrill St.,
Van Couver, B. C.
Canada.

Sir:

Your letter of July 20, addressed to the Librarian, Congressional Library, has been referred to this office and in reply I beg to advise you that the Foreman and Melters at the Seattle Assay Office and the Mints at Denver and San Francisco receive salaries and per diem wages as follow:

Seattle

Foreman --------	$1700	per annum
Melter --------	1600	" "
Assistant Melter	1200	" "

San Francisco

Foreman, Ingot Deposit Melting Room----------	$5.50	per diem
Melters --------	4.00	and $4.50 per diem.

Denver

Foreman Ingot Room,	$5.00	per diem
F'mn Melting Room	5.50	" "
Melter ----------	4.50	" "

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Under separate cover I am mailing to you a copy of the Director's annual report for the year 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 6, 1917.

Mr. F. M. Hess,
Vice Pres. and General Mgr.,
Inter-State Telegraph Co.,
Bishop, California.

Sir;

In answer to yours of the 30th. ultimo I beg to say that the Government is not through this branch of the service, purchasing platinum.

The last issue of the Engineering and Mining Journal quotes platinum at $105 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 6, 1917.

Mackall Brothers,

City.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the enclosed bills against the laboratory of the Bureau of the Mint for nitric acid I beg to advise that they were settled in March and April respectively. However, our records show that bills covering our orders of Nov. 11, 1916, and Jan. 16, 1917, have evidently not been received and not paid. If your records show deliveries on the above mentioned orders it is suggested that the enclosed bills be amended accordingly and returned to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1917.

Mrs. Martha Griffin,
#1832-21st. St.,
Ensley, Ala.

Madame:

Referring to your letter of July 2nd., addressed to the United States Civil Service Commission, I beg to advise you that gold, contained in ore cannot be handled by the mints and assay offices. Such products can be treated only by smelters.

Respectfully,

R. B. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1917.

Mr. Jerome Prothero,
R.F.D. 76440,
Mariposa Co., Cal.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 30, and also samples of ore referred to therein and have to advise that assays are made for metals as enumerated on the enclosed card, at the price of one dollar each.

Your samples have been transmitted to the U.S. Assay Office at Salt Lake with instructions that they be held for further advice from you as to the assays desired by you and the amount due for such determinations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1917.

Mr. Harold J. Hudson,
#4332 Troost Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of August 3rd., addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this office and in reply I have to advise you that the coinage of proof coins has been discontinued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1917.

Mr. Neil J. McGee,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Neil,

I am in receipt of your letter of June 9th., relative to your friend Carl Kruger, who is now employed in the Denver Mint. I have recommended that the pay of Mr. Kruger be increased and feel satisfied that the recommendation will receive favorable consideration.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1917.

Honorable George Holder Tinkham, M.C.
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman,

I am in receipt of your letter of August 2nd., in which you say you are desirous of introducing a resolution in the House of Representatives, authorizing the coinage of six cent pieces and asking if I would furnish you with the proper form of bill in this connection.

Several bills have been introduced in recent years, proposing the coinage of the two and one half cent pieces and the one half cent pieces but no legislation has resulted.

Inasmuch as the Department has made no recommendation on the subject I am not prepared to furnish you with the form of such a bill. I would, however, be pleased to advise with you on this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1917.

Mrs. Mary B. Royce,
R.F.D. #2 - Clinton,
Indiana.

Madame:

In answer to your letter of July 27, I beg to advise you that the coinage of gold quarters has never been authorized by this Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1917.

L. Vogelstein & Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant enclosing vouchers covering shipments of copper to the Mint at Denver and the Mint at San Francisco. The accounts have been forwarded to the respective institutions for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1917.

United States Guarantee Company,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant I beg to say that Mr. Bryan O'Rourke's bond in the sum of $3,000, your bond No. 554119, was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of June 28, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1917.

Mr. E.E. Brown,
#502 Bigelow St.,
Peoria, Ill.

Sir:

Answering your letter of July 4th, you are advised that the Mints receive deposits of gold bullion of not less than $100 in value.

The value of gold is determined according to its fineness. Pure gold is worth $20.67 per ounce. If you desire to make a deposit of gold you should forward it to the United States Mint at Denver by express or mail, charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1917.

Mr. C.F. Lee,
Route A, Box 32,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 6, and in reply beg to inform you that the parcel of gold dust, which has also been received, will be forwarded to the U.S. Mint at New Orleans and report on same will be mailed to you from there.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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The Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A.,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, amounting to $1.38, covering the cost of the manufacture of one bronze Northern Rifle medal.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriations for the support of the Philadelphia Mint as follows:-

Contingent Expenses, 1917, --------	$0.25	
Wages of Workmen, 1918 ----------	1.08	
Contingent Expenses ---- 1918------	.05	$1.38

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1917.

Honorable George E. Roberts,
Assistant to the President,
National City Bank,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to this Office, and to your letter of the 3rd instant addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and further to telephone communication of August 3rd from the Bureau, I beg to submit the following estimate on the manufacture of 50,000,000 silver krans in 5 and 2 kran pieces for the Government of Persia:-

The master dies and hubs for these two coins, of designs similar to specimens in the mint collection, will cost fifteen hundred dollars and require sixty days to make after authority has been given for their preparation.

Specimen coins can only be used as designs from which to make the models to be placed upon the reducing machine.

The cost of coinage for the 5-kran silver piece, weighing 23.0150 grams, each, 900 fine, tolerance 1.50 gains, will be $12.20 per thousand pieces, and the 2-kran silver piece, weighing 9.2060 grams each, 900 fine, tolerance 1.50 grains, will be $8.20 per thousand pieces.

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The above prices include alloy and working dies, but not kegs or boxes for packing.

The coins can be manufactured at the rate of about 3,000,000 pieces per month.

The amount of silver required for the coinage of the 50,000,000 krans will be 6,659,390.25 troy ounces, 1000 fine, and would have to be supplied by the Persian Government in such quantities as would permit the anticipation of coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1917.

The Chief
of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $11,464.00 covering the cost of the manufacture of the following Philippine coins:-

12,000 pesos in 1 centavos
20,000 pesos in 5 centavos
84,000 pesos in 10 centavos
156,000 pesos in 20 centavos.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations of the Mint at San Francisco, 1918:-

Wages of Workmen ----------$7,656.00
Contingent Expenses, ------ 3,818.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1917.

Joseph Read Patterson, Gen. Mgr.,
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.,
#21 State St., New York.

Sir;

Your letter of the eighth inst., addressed to the Honorable Byron R. Newton, Acting Secretary has been referred to this office for reply.

In compliance with your request there is enclosed herewith five copies of the "Corrected edition" of the circular values of foreign coins dated July 1, 1917.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 10, 1917.

J. M. Jacobson & Sons Company,
70 - 72 Catherine St.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to say that gold bullion, in amounts approximating $100 in value and over, will be received at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and the gold and silver contents paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after the value of the deposit has been determined by melt and assay. Nominal charges are imposed for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

No allowance is made for other metals than gold and silver.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce. Silver is paid for at the rate decided upon from time to time by the Director of the Mint, and is as close as possible to the market, which changes every ~~other~~ day. The price being paid this day for silver parted from gold is $0.81 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,
R.T.Baker
Director of the Mirt
By

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 10, 1917.

Mrs. Mary E. Sherman,
362 Pleasant Street,
New Bedford, Mass.

Madam:

The package received from you to-day, containing gold leaf, has been sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, as there is no institution connected with the government in Washington which is equipped to receive such material.

The Superintendents of the Mints and assay offices of the United States are not required to receive such small deposits, but in this case the Mint at Philadelphia will be requested to remit to you the value of the gold contained, less nominal charges.

Respectfully

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

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August 11, 1917.

Mr. C. W. Perkins,
Groton, S. Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant I beg to advise you that there are no gold dollars in the Treasury or the Mints. Coin dealers hold them at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 11, 1917.

Mr. George J. Moulder,
Nonsuch, Camden County, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Comptroller of the Treasury, I beg to say that there are no dimes of the coinage of 1894 in the Mints.

I regret that I am unable to advise you where coins of that year might be obtained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 13, 1917.

Mr. H. K. Brasch,
Station "A"
Waterloo, Iowa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith check contained in your letter of the 9th instant and beg to advise you that Mr. Roberts retired from the Mint Service several years ago.

If you will please make check payable to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., a copy of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" will be sent to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 13, 1917.

Miss Martha Griffins,
1832 21st Street.,
Ensley, Alabama.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I beg to advise you that the Government does not maintain smelting establishments. The U. S. Mint at New Orleans receives deposits of gold and silver in the form of bullion, but does no smelting.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 14, 1917.

Mr. Chauncey Smith,
78 South Pryor Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant referring to your letter of the 20th ultimo, and reply thereto.

I regret that I am unable to refer you to any articles, reports or publications upon the subject of a revised coinage system for this Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Edward Keating,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant enclosing a letter received by you from Mr. C. W. Wonderly.

His suggestion that a coin of the denomination of fifteen cents be issued has been read with interest, but an act of Congress would be required to permit the manufacture of such a piece.

As you are aware, several bills have been introduced in recent years proposing the coining of a piece of an other denomination than those now in circulation, but no legislation has been effected. I would be glad to confer with you on the subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. A. F. Nagle,
720 West Water Street,
Elmira, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has by him been referred to this Bureau.

Replying I beg to thank you for your interest in the coinage, but regret that the Department does not deem it practicable to experiment at this time with the manufacture of hardened steel coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Commandant U.S. Marine Corps,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for the manufacture of a West Indian campaign medal for G. Laurencelle, in the sum of $2.15.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia	1918-	$1.80
Contingent Expenses " "	1918-	.35

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Interstate Commerce Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for the manufacture of one medal of honor for W.V. Marshall, in the sum of $10.17.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint, Philadelphia-1918-$9.67
Contingent Expenses " " " .50

A copy of the request for the manufacture of this medal enclosed but no acknowledgement of the receipt of same has been received, although requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 14, 1917.

Mr. Walter Hughes, Secretary,
National Confectioner's' Association,
111 W. Washington St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been by him referred to this Bureau for reply.

Several bills have been introduced in recent years proposing the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now current, but no legislation has been effected. As you are doubtless aware, the law requires that an act of Congress only may authorize the issue of a new coin.

Should further action be taken by Congress, your letter will be referred to with interest.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Boise, 1918.

Underwood Typewriter Company August 15 7.

Washington, D. C.

U. S. Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.

Underwood Typewriter, No. 5 $67.50

Old Underwood to be turned in _____

Director of the Mint.

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Underwood Typewriter Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a formal order for a number 5 Typewriter to be delivered to the U. S. Assay Office, Boise, Idaho. It is understood that the agent of the Company at Boise will be advised by the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office as to the style of type desired by him, and that an allowance will be made on the purchase price of the machine for an old Underwood machine to be turned over to the company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 15, 1917.

The Consul General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant relative to the manufacture at the Mint, Philadelphia, of 20, 10 and 5 centavo pieces for the Government of Peru.

Under date of July 10th the Charge d'Affaires of Peru made inquiry, through the State Department, in regard to coins of the same denomination for his Government. His letter, however, stated that the "fineness of the Peruvian nickel coin is 75% copper and 25% nickel." Upon that basis an estimate of the cost of coinage was given him.

In your letter of the 13th instant you state that the "20 and 10 centaves pieces shall be of pure nickel, and the 5 centaves of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Before re-submitting the estimate upon the cost of executing this coinage, and the amount of material required, I would be obliged if you would inform me as to the correct composition of the several coins in question.

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I am enclosing your letter of the 13th and beg to request that signature be attached. Upon the return of your letter, with advice as to the composition of the coins wanted, I will take pleasure in forwarding an estimate to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1917.

Mr. W. E. Farlow,
10 South La Salle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, also, the package sent by express. As there is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where such deposits are received, the package has been sent to the U. S. Assay Office, New York. The superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the gold and silver contents of the material, less the charges for fitting the metals for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Mackall Brothers, August 16, 1917

823 H Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

4411 Acid, nitric:

(b) Cp. Sp. Gr. 1.42, in 7-pound

bottles, 10 bottles to the case 70 lbs $0.13

Director of the Mint

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Mr. Thomas M. Robertson,
Division of Economics,
Federal Trade Commission.

Dear Sir:

I am informed by Mr. Carpenter, an accountant in this Bureau, that he has made application to you for a position with your Commission.

Mr. Carpenter has been employed in this Bureau since May 1st, 1915, as an accountant and statistician. He has had charge of the compilation of foreign and domestic reports covering the production and distribution of the precious metals, the monetary systems of foreign countries, and kindred economic matter.

It gives me pleasure to state that the work accomplished by Mr. Carpenter has been satisfactory in the highest degree. He has been careful, very interested in his work, and very accurate.

I regret that Mr. Carpenter is to sever his connection with this Bureau. In consenting to his doing so I have in mind the advantage it will be to him to work with your Commission. I commend him to your most favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1917.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and am glad to have your expressions of pleasure in regard to the designs of the Quarter Dollar, and the act authorizing the modifications.

I am enclosing herewith a specimen of the coin. We are accumulating a stock of them in the mints, but have not yet issued any to the public.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Herman MacNeil,
Northern Boulevard,
College Point, N. Y.

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Miss Anna Jost,
#4057 Park Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madame:

In answer to your letter of the 15th. instant, I have to advise you that during the year 1916 there were coined 2,130,400 pieces of the new design one-half dollars and 52,000 pieces of the new design quarter dollars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
#37 Wall Street, New York.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of August tenth I beg to say that you are correct in your understanding that the charge for gold bars in sizes of $5,000 or more is 5¢ per $100 in value. This charge must be paid in cash at the Mint at San Francisco and is strictly a bar charge and is calculated to cover only the cost incident to the manufacture of the bars.

If funds are deposited at New York for gold bars to be delivered to you at San Francisco and the transfer is to be made by telegraph, additional expenses will be incurred;in the case of gold bars, the cost of the telegram, and in the case of gold coin, the cost of the telegram plus express charges on the coin from Denver to San-Francisco. Arrangements for transfers of gold coin or bullion must be made with the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. You should at the same time arrange with him for all expenses

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that may be incurred in the transfer.

The San Francisco Mint has available, at the present time a number of 400 oz. bars but it is not always able to furnish 1000 oz. fine gold bars. They do, however, carry a stock of 1000 oz. gold bars of the fineness of 916.2/3

If deposits of gold or certificates are made at New York in payment for gold bars to be delivered at San Francisco, before 11 o'clock A.M., advice should reach San Francisco, by telegraph, in time for the bars to be listed and delivered the same day. However, it is advisable, when convenient, to order the bars a day ahead of the time they are desired so they may be listed and be made ready for delivery as soon as the Superintendent of the Mint receives instructions to the effect that the equivalent has been deposited.

The Mint at San Francisco now has available fine gold bars of the fineness of 999 or better but we cannot promise to furnish gold bars the fineness of which exceeds 999.6 or any other particular fineness.

Gold bars are stacked in solid formation in the vaults and must be taken as they come. If any particular fineness is called for, it would require moving large quantities of bars of other fineness and is impracticable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1917.

Mr. Judd Stewart,
Assistant to the President,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 16th instant relative to charges at the mints and assay office, and reference to a newspaper report that a new table had been issued, I beg to say that no change has recently been made.

It is probable that the report to which you have reference is in relation to a recent regulation reading as follows:-

> "Effective August 10, 1917, the minor assay offices and the mints at New Orleans, La., and Carson, Nevada, acting in the capacity of minor assay offices, are authorized to receive bullion, on the basis of fineness only, containing not less than one part of gold and not more than 800 parts base metal in 1,000 parts."

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Table of Charges now in effect.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1917.

Dear Roy:

I have your letter of the 15th relative to information desired by Mr. Stifter regarding Russian Exchange.

I have made inquiry at the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and also at the Customs Division of the Treasury Department, and find that no statistics covering Mr. Stifter's inquiries are available.

I would suggest that Mr. Cosby of the National City Bank, and Mr. Max May of the Guaranty Trust Company, New York, are regarded as excellent authorities on the subject of foreign exchange. I believe they could give you the most reliable information obtainable.

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I believe Sidney has arranged matters in good shape, and will obtain the place he is looking for.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Roy Gould Harris,

New York City.

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August 21, 1917.

Mr. F. H. Smith,
1019 Lincoln Avenue,
Pittsburhg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant I beg to advise you that the piece described by you is what is known as the "Dix" medalet. It was issued during the civil war in commemoration of an incident which occurred at New Orleans when the Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. John A. Dix, ordered the arrest of a revenue cutter captain who refused to obey an order to take the revenue cutter to New York. The Secretary of the Treasury telegraphed to an agent of the Department to arrest the Captain and treat him as a mutineer in case he offered resistence, adding, "If anyone attempts to haul down the American flag shoot him on the spot".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 21, 1917.

Mr. Martin Doyle,
Columbus State Hospital for the Insane,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the dental scrap enclosed in your letter of the 18th instant and regret to advise you that the Government does not purchase gold in small quantities.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 21, 1917.

Mr. Charles Parker,
R. F. D. No. 3,
Hertford, Vt.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I beg to advise you that if you will address Mr. T. L. Comparette, Curator of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, he may be able to give you the advice you are seeking.

The Government does not issue a list of coin dealers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 21, 1917.

Mr. J. W. Bishir,
C/. Irwin Drug Company,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant I beg to advise you that the Government never issued a coin in gold of a smaller denomination than one dollar. The so-called 50-cent piece and the 25-cent piece in gold were placed in circulation by private parties, and were never authorized by Congress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 21, 1917.

Mr. Isidor Davidson,
C/. Mr. Paul Manship,
27 Lexington Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

There is at prewent a vacancy in the position of "Assistant Medallist" in the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, and you have been spoken of as a possible candidate for the position. The salary is $1400 per annum.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission is to be asked to give a competitive examination, at which time candidates for the position will be advised of the opportunity totake the examination.

If you are interested, and would care to look further into the situation, will you please write to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for information as to the general scope and nature of the examination to be given. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be given a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1917.

The Director
of the Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant in regard to having Mr. Wirth, the Superintendent of Melting and Refining Department of the New York Assay Office, visit the Bureau of Standards relative to experimental work now being carried on upon platinum.

I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Wirht formal authority to come to Washington for the purpose of conferring with your Bureau as you request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1917.

Mr. P. F. Shriber,
534 Vine Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant I beg to advise you that Mexican silver coins have bullion value only, in the United States. That is, they will be purchased and paid for at the current rate for silver bullion. The price of silver to-day is approximately 87 cents per fine ounce. The weight and fineness of the silver is determined after melting and assaying the coin.

Respectfully,

F. E. Baetts

Director of the Mint.

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August 23, 1917.

Hon. M. M. Garland,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Garland:

I have your letter of the 16th instant in behalf of certain employees of the New York Assay Office.

The Superintendent and the Assayer of the New York Office have both recommended the promotion of several of the men in the assay department of that institution, and the Department is disposed to consider them favorably. I am, however, obliged to consider the condition of our available fund for the payment of wages in order to avoid creating a deficiency.

I will take pleasure in forwarding to the Secretary for favorable action the recommendations of the officers in charge at New York as soon as I am certain that our wage appropriation will permit of such action.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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August 23, 1917.

Mr. Edward Brush,
Vice President,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the price of silver, and the newspaper report of purchase by the Department.

Replying I would state that the Department has not been in the open market for silver since our last purchase from your Company. Our purchases are confined to silver contained in gold deposits.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug 25,1917

I.S.Dresbach, Esq.,

Fostoria, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of August 20th enclosing check for $2.00 and advising me that you had forwarded under separate cover package containing silver ware which you desire to sell has been received. The package referred to has also been received, and forwarded to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to remit to you for the value of the silver less treatment charges. Your check for $2.00 is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

F.H.Mackey

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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August 25, 1917.

The Consul General,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 24th instant, and to your letter of August 16th, I beg to advise you that it has been impossible to make early reply to your inquiry relative to Peruvian coinage owing to the discrepancy between your advise as to the alloy of the coins wanted, and to that of the Charge d'Affaires of Peru, to which your attention was invited in my letter of the 15th instant.

A new estimate was called for and has this day been completed. The following is submitted:-

The mint is not equipped to make pure nickel blanks, but if desired, could procure the same, or they could be furnished by the Peruvian Government.

The cost of blanks would be in addition to the following costs:-

		Per M.
1,250,000 pieces of 20-centavos, pure nickel,	----	$1.00
1,500,000 " " 10-centavos, " "	----	.70

The 2,000,000 pieces of 5-centavos, containing 75% copper and 25% nickel will cost $4.00 per thousand pieces.

The above prices include working dies, counting and bagging, the cost of metal being extra.

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The above prices are also based on the presumption that the tolerance given, i. e., 15 milligrams for the 20-centavos, and 17 milligrams for the 10 and 5 centavos, is to be taken in bulk.

Relative to the diameters and weights, I beg to be advised if the thinness of the pieces has been considered in connection with the design, as they are thinner than any coins of the same material.

The master dies and hubs would cost for the 20 and 10 centavos, four hundred dollars each ($400), and for the 5 centavos piece, three hundred dollars ($300), or a total of $1,100 for the three coins. It would require about three months to make these dies.

The coinage can be executed in about one month after the completion of the dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1917.

Hon. Jouett Shouse,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Shouse:

I have your letter of the 25th relative to a copy of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" desired by Hon. W. D. Cleaver, Minneola, Kansas.

The Catalogue is a large book of about 600 pages and is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at $1.00 per copy. I regret that we have not been given a supply for gratuitous distribution; otherwise, I would take pleasure in forwarding a copy as you request.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1917.

Mr. Jules Casse,
832 Common Street,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 23rd instant I beg to say that the side of the coin bearing the date is commonly regarded as the obverse or face of the coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1917.

Miss Laura Penninill,
700 Lincoln St.,
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Miss:

Replyiug to your inquiry of the 22nd instant I beg to advise you that the Government does not buy old gold in small quantities. If, however, you will forward the chain you describe to the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value after the same has been determined by melt and assay. It would not be possible to determine the value until the chain was melted.

Payment would be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1917.

Mr. B. F. Hayes, Jr.,
Box 136,
Tarkio, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant I beg to advise you that it is impossible to determine the value of gold by dimensions. The metal would have to be melted and assayed.

There is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where such material is purchased or assayed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1917.

Hon. Caleb Powers,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Powers:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant enclosing a letter and specimen of ore from Mr. Rufus B. King, of Strunk, Kentucky.

A visual examination of the specimen indicates that it is an impure sulphide of iron. It will probably run about 45% in sulphur and 40% in iron. It is not likely to be of commercial value unless the deposit be very large, and convenient to transportation. This character of material, however, is usually found sparsely scattered through barren rock, and of no value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 28, 1917.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Peruvian Consul,
New York City.

Coinage of pure nickel would require entirely new machinery. Impracticable to equip our mint with same.

Director Mint.

Collect.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
USE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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August 29, 1917.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Peruvian Consul,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 29th instant, and note that you have cabled the Minister of Finance to arrange for permit through the Peruvian Legation in this city to cover the execution of the coinage of five-centavo pieces for the Government of Peru. It is understood that we are to await the communication to be received through the State Department before anything further is done in regard to the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1917.

Mr. Brandt C. Downey,
The Commercial National Bank,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant I beg to advise you that gold bars in lots of not less than $5,000 in value are obtainable at the U. S. Assay Office, New York City. I am enclosing a schedule of charges for various sized bars. The minimum quantity sold, in whatever sized bars called for, is $5,000 worth.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1917.

Mr. Edward F. Adams,
San Francisco Chronicle,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant I beg to advise you that a new edition of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is now in the hands of the printer, and a copy will be sent you immediately upon receipt of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1917.

Kirchner & Renich,
17 South Seventy St.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant I beg to say that the methods employed in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States in the refining of gold and silver are on such a large scale that they would not be adaptable to the use of manufacturers operating on a normal or small scale.

I would suggest as of probable assistance to you "Gold Refining" by Donald Clark, and Gee's "Goldsmiths Handbook" and Gee's "Silversmiths Handbook."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1917.

Mr. E. C. Thompson,
In Charge of U. S. Weather Bureau Office,
La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant I beg to advise you that if you will send the gold and silver scrap contributed for the Red Cross to the U. S. Assay Office, New York City, a check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the nominal charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes, will be sent to you. The material should be sent, charges paid, to the Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Wm. C. Clark,
Scale Adjuster,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your report upon the condition of the scales, weights, and balances of the Seattle Office. The Assayer in Charge of that institution has been requested to keep a more constant watch upon the accuracy of the instruments of his institution in the future.

Your report is complete and very satisfactory in its thoroughness, and I appreciate your services in performing this duty.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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August 29, 1917.

Hon. William H. King,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter left at this office by your Secretary, and beg to say that the die for the badge desired by Mr. Thomas could not be made at the Mint. The law prohibits the manufacture of dies other than those of a national character.

Regretting that we cannot be of service to you in this respect, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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Washington,

August 31, 1917.

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lstein & Co., New York City

Please bid on delivery to Philadelphia Mint five hundred thousand ounces fine silver. Delivery part or whole amount early as possible.

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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ENT RATES.
ASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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August 31, 1917.

Mr. Sela Roundy,
R. R. No. 4,
Aberdeen, So. Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your card of the 13th instant I beg to advise you that old gold scrap will be purchased by the Mint at Denver in quantities valued at $100 and over, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1917.

Mr. A. J. Wiechardt,
14 Sherman Avenue,
Mansfield, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your card of the 19th instant I beg to advise you that the value of silver changes from day to day.

On July 1st, the date of the last issue of the circular giving the value of foreign coins in terms of United States money, the value of the various Chinese coins was as given in the enclosed list.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1917.

Mr. D. M. Pinkerton,
Gate City National Bank,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant I beg to advise you that the only issue of gold coins of the denomination of $50 was that authorized by Congress for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company. The law provided that the coins should be delivered to the Company. I am not able to advise you as to the availability of the coins at this time, but would suggest that you address the Exposition Company at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1917.

Hon. John L. Burnett,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congress Burnett:

Your letter of the 26th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Office.

I am enclosing herewith a statement showing the gold holdings of the United States on August 1st. There is also being sent you, under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, the last issued, which contains information relative to the stock in other countries.

Respectfully,

A. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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August 31, 1917.

Dear Senator Ransdell:

I have your letter of the 29th instant enclosing a letter from Mr. J. T. Daly, head of the Import Department of W. R. Grace & Co., of New Orleans, relative to the shipment of gold bullion to the New Orleans Mint.

The Mint is open to the receipt of gold bullion, and the same is paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after the value of the metal is determined by melt and assay. Charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted from the value of the deposit.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. O. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell,
United States Senate.

Enclosure.

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September 4, 1917.

Wells, Fargo and Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning two bills of lading supporting your bill number T.D.12-717.

Would request that the consignee's certificate be completed. The bills of lading are numbered T91-304 and T91-311. Upon return of the completed bills of lading, the voucher will be put in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 4, 1917.

Director of the Bureau of Mines,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I would thank you to supply this office with a copy of your Technical Paper #143, on the ores of copper, lead, gold and silver, by C. H. Fulton.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 5, 1917.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo, relative to the alloy of coins proposed by the Government of Peru, I beg to say that the following are the alloys used for our domestic coinage:

Five cent nickel piece, 75% copper, 25% nickel.
One cent piece, 95% copper, 5% tin and zinc.
Twenty-five cent piece, fifty-cent piece, and ten cent piece, 900 parts fine silver, 100 parts copper.

The Mint is equipped to handle coins made of the above alloys.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

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September 5, 1917.

Messrs. Whithall Tatum and Co.,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I enclose blue print of a special bottle that we require. If you have anything similar in stock, I would thank you to submit a dimensional sketch and to quote a price for supplying three delivered to the Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

If you have nothing of the kind, I would thank you to bid on making three and delivering as above, the tubulure to be ground and the stop-cock ground to fit it and the neck fitted to be corked.

Please return the blue print with your reply.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 5, 1917.

Dr. A. P. Fillastre,
New Roads,
Louisiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August twenty-ninth, I beg to advise you that the dental scrap you describe will be received in quantities valued at one hundred dollars and over at the United States Assay Office, New York City. Payment will be made for the gold and silver contents only, by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after the charges for preparing the material for coinage are deducted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 6, 1917.

Mrs. H. R. Wagar,
305 Rich Street,
Ionia, Mich.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of September 1st and beg to advise you that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service will purchase gold and silver bullion in quantities approximating $100. or more, and pay for the same less a nominal treatment charge. If you have gold or silver of the value stated, I would suggest that you forward it to the United States Assay Office, 23 Pine Street, New York, N. Y., transportation charges prepaid, and enclose with it a letter of instructions as to how you desire payment made.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 6, 1917.

Mr. C. W. Robbins,
Pringle,
South Dakota.

Sir:

Your letter of August eighteenth in relation to assaying your ore has been received.

You say that tests have been made on this ore by several American chemists, as well as by the Geological Survey, and all have returned "no platinum". In view of the reports of the several American chemists and the United States Geological Survey, it is believed to be practically impossible for this ore to contain platinum in a volatile condition that would entirely escape in so many tests made by the usual methods, especially those by the Geological Survey. There is no laboratory located in Washington where tests are made on ore for the public.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 7, 1917.

Creath and Boone,
Ottumwa,
Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your card of the fourth instant and also package containing dental scrap, and have forwarded the same to the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to treat the bullion and remit to you for its value less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 8, 1917.

Mr. A. A. Weinman,
441 West 21st Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir;

There is at present a vacancy in the position of Assistant Metallist in the Mint at Philadelphia. The position pays $1400. per annum and appointment is subject to Civil Service examination. The Civil Service Commission is to be asked to take the necessary steps for the establishment of an eligible register as a result of examination to be given.

We are anxious to notify as many desirable men as possible of the nature and time of the examination. I am writing to you and several other artists for the purpose of obtaining the name or names of possible candidates for the position. The men whose names are sent to us will be notified by this Bureau in regard to the examination.

If you find it practicable to assist us in this matter, your letter will be treated as confidential. I shall very much appreciate your kindness and help.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

OR

Similar letter sent to :-
Henry Hering, Charles Grafly, Sherry E. Fry, D. C. French, J. E. Fraser, John Flanagan, C. E. Dallin, A. S. Calder, G. T. Brewster, Edward Berge, V. D. Brenner, Chester Beach, Lorado Taft, F. W. MacMonnies, H. A. MacNeil, Paul Manship, Atillio Piccirilli, Albin Polasek, Theodore Spicer-Simson, Robert Aitken, P. W. Bartlett.

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September 6, 1917.

Mr. John Gregory,
1947 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 7, 1918.

Hon. R. T. Baker,
Director of Mint,
Reno, Nevada.

Philadelphia increasing output halves and will meet demands. Has about half million ounces silver and Denver one million ounces on hand. Expect matter of regulation settled tomorrow. Silver quoted ninety six five eighths.

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Acting Director.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
LARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Director of the Mint
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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September 8, 1917

R.E.Griggs, Esq.,
Care Goldfields American Development Co.,
"33 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of September 7th relating to the establishment in South Africa of a refinery and mint has been received. Your letter dated July 23rd addressed to Hon. R.W.Woolley, ex-Director of the Mint on the same subject has also been referred to this office. In the letters referred to you ask to be informed as to the probable cost of installation and also the cost of operating such institutions. Upon receipt of your letters, the Superintendents of the Mint at Philadelphia and the Assay Office at New York were requested to furnish, as far as possible, the data desired by you that could be readily obtained.

Answers to your queries regarding minting processes are as follows.

The Mint at Philadelphia, besides coining, produces medals, also wood and machine work for the entire Mint and Assay Service and for other Government departments.

The following is a short description of the type and approximate cost of each machine used in the mints, and also a brief synopsis of the coinage processes:

For melting metal for ingots both gas and electricity are used. There are seventeen gas furnaces and one seven hundred and fifty pound Rennerfelt Electric furnace. In the rolling room of the Philadelphia Mint they have ten $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 10-3/8 and two sixteen inch rolling mills; six cutting presses for punching out plancets. In the annealing room there are three rotary annealing gas furnaces, tumbling barrels and coin drying machine. In the stamping room there are twenty four coining presses, each press stamping on anaverage of ninety pieces per minute. In the weighing room there are seven automatic weighing machines, each machine of 10 beams will weigh

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100 pieces per minute. Each of the above-named machines is electrically driven by its own individual motor and the approximate cost of each is,-

Gas melting furnace.....	$ 250.
Electric furnace.....	8,000.
7½" x 10-3/8" rolling mill.....	4,500.
16" Rolling mill.....	6,000.
Annealing furnace.....	2,000.
Tumbling barrel.....	300.
Coining press.....	5,000.
Automatic weighing machine.....	4,000.

The alloys used are, for gold and silver coin, 900 parts of gold or silver to 100 parts of copper; for nickel coin, 75% copper and 25% nickel; and for bronze coin, 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

The coinage processes are,- calculating and weighing out the charges of metals for the furnaces; melting the metals together; running the melted metals into ingots of various sizes; assaying samples of the alloys to determine if the composition is correct; rolling the ingots into strips of the correct thickness; punching blanks from the strips; annealing and cleaning the blanks; examining the blanks and picking out those which are imperfect; passing the blanks, if gold, through the automatic weighing machines to separate those which are correct weight; running the heavy gold blanks through a reducing machine to decrease the weight; coining the blanks, which puts design on both sides and the edge of the blanks, producing the finished coins; passing the gold and silver coins through the automatic weighing machines and rejecting all the coins which do not conform to the legal requirements; counting and weighing in bulk; bagging; storage; returning the clippings, etc. to the melting room to be remelted.

I am sending under separate cover copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint, which contains answers to your questions 1, 4 and 6.

Owing to the absence of the Superintendent of the Refinery at New York, I have not as yet obtained the information desired by you with regard to refining, but will, upon his return, procure as much of the information desired as is available.

I would be pleased to arrange for you to visit

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the Mint at Philadelphia, at any time convenient to you. Please let me know when you desire to make the visit.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By G. E. Scheffin
Acting Director.

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September 5, 1917.

International Glass Company,
Millville,
New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I enclose blue print of a special bottle that we require. If you have anything similar in stock, I would thank you to submit a dimensional sketch and to quote a price for supplying three deliverd to the Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

If you have nothing of the kind, I would thank you to bid on making three and delivering as above, the tolerance to be ground and the stop-cock ground to fit it and the neck fitted to be carbed.

Please return the blue print with your reply.

Respectfully,

E. F. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McReilly
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 10, 1917.

Mr. L. E. Adrian,
Cashier, First State Bank,
Trent, Texas.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the sixth instant enclosing a twenty dollar gold piece.

The same has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of that institution will make reply to you.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By M. McPherson
Acting Director.

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September 10, 1917.

Manager,
Union Club,
Fifth Ave. and 51st St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the third instant addressed to the Secretary to the President has been referred to this Bureau, and replying I beg to state that an Act of Congress would be required for the manufacture of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Should such legislation be considered, I will take pleasure in referring to your letter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By M. McBally
Acting Director.

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September 10, 1917.

Mr. Charles A. Hinsch,
President, Fifty-Third National Bank,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Responding to your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of September eighth, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of the last issue of the circulation statement .

I trust it contains the information you seek.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By W. McRulla
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 10, 1917.

Chief,
Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $10,873., covering the manufacture of Philippine coins.

In payment of this account, please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations for the support of the Mint, San Francisco, 1918, as follows:

Wages of Workmen.....	$ 7,248.67
Contingent Fund.....	3,624.33

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McRae

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 10, 1917.

Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contracts entered into by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the following firms:

The Texas Company,
The O. F. Zurn Company, Inc.
The Atlantic Refining Company.

Contracts have been duly approved and are transmitted to you for file.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McKelly

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 10, 1917.

Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I am enclosing herewith contracts entered into by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco with the following firms:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Shell Company of California
Enterprise Foundry Company
National Ice and Cold Storage Co.
Metropolitan Laundry Company

Contracts have been duly approved and are transmitted to you for file.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

Enclosures

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September 10, 1917.

Miss Mazel Hair,
C/o Canton Steel Foundry Co.,
Canton, Ohio.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant enclosing two watch cases.

The package has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of that institution will make reply to you. There is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where such deposits are received.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By M. McRitty
Acting Director.

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September 10, 1917.

To the Director of the
Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding voucher of the Philadelphia Mint, with supporting sub-vouchers, for manufacturing silver plates.

Please have transfer settlement made, crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated.

Wages of Workmen Mint at Philadelphia 1918.....	$14.53
Contingent Expenses Mint at Philadelphia 1918.....	.77
Total.....	$15.30

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McReelis
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 10, 1917.

Mr. J. A. Seaborg,
Assistant Treasurer,
Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant I beg to advise you that blank discs of the fineness and weight of the Peruvian Pound Sterling could be made at the Mint, Philadelphia at a charge of $20.00 per thousand pieces. The cost of the metal, of course, and the containers, would be extra.

It would be necessary for the Charge d'affaires of Peru to name you as agent to receive the discs, and to have the request for their manufacture come to this Department, through the State Department.

The time required for the manufacture of the discs, and the delivery of the same, would depend upon the amount requested, and the volume of business in process at the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.
By

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1917.

Mr. W. W. Lewis,
Cashier, First State Bank,
Harlan, Kentucky.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the seventh instant relative to a sample of ore forwarded by you sometime ago.

I am returning herewith the sample and regret that there is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where assays of ores are made for the public. Assays of ores for gold and silver at a charge of $1., and for copper, tin, zinc, iron, lead, and tungsten will be made at the minor Assay Offices and the Mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans, and Carson at a charge of $1. for each metal determined in the sample.

The Minor Assay Offices where the assays of ores are made for the public are located at the following places:

Boise, Idaho; Helena, Montana; Deadwood, South Dakota; Seattle, Washington; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Assays of ores are also made for the public in the Mint at New Orleans and the Mint at Carson. I am taking the liberty of again enclosing a copy of our card which will give you the rates at which the work may be done.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 11, 1917.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Assistant to Financial Editor,
The Press,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September tenth.

I would suggest that you make application to the Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, for the data you seek relative to the Philippine coinage.

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of the tables showing production of gold and silver in the United States for calendar year 1916. The table for the world's production is now being compiled. I am sending under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, and have placed your name on our mailing list for a copy of the forthcoming report covering the activites of the Mint Service for the fiscal year 1917.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By [illegible]

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 11, 1917.

Mr. B. C. Benham,
Cashier, First Trust & Savings Co.,
Muscatine, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, I beg to say that the Mint at Denver will receive gold bullion in quantities valued at approximately $100 and over, and the same will be paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReelly

Acting Director.

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September 10, 1917.

General Rupert Blue, U. S. A.
Bureau of the Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing a letter from Passed Assistant Surgeon J. Holmes Smith, Jr., relative to a location to be used as headquarters for Plague Eradicative Measures in New Orleans.

The Mint at New Orleans is now conducted as a United States Assay Office, and active operations are in progress there. All of the unused space in the building has recently been turned over to the Red Cross for storage purposes. I regret, therefore, that there is no unused part of the building which we could place at your disposal for the headquarters for Plague Eradicative Measures.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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September 12, 1917.

Mr. Charles Grafly,
Folly Grove,
Lanesville, Mass.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September tenth and thank you for your courtesy in the matter.

The gentlemen named in your letter will be advised when the examination takes place.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 12, 1917.

Mr. A. Stirling Calder,
51 West 10th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September eleventh and thank you for your courtesy in the matter.

The names of the gentlemen given in your letter have been listed.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McRuller

Acting Director.

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September 12, 1917.

Mr. C. M. Simmons,
Underwriter,
Denton, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the eighth instant, and in reply you are advised that Mexican silver coins will be received at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, and paid for at the market rate for silver on the day the coins reach the Mint. Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after the charges for preparing the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McRuely
Acting Director.

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September 12, 1917.

Mr. James C. Koehl,
1155½ So. Grand Avenue,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the sixth instant, and in reply you are advised that we are mailing you under another cover a copy of the "Coinage Laws of the United States".

The other publication you speak of is not available through this office.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Salt Lake, 1918

Brentano's September 12 7

F Street, Washington, D. C.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

"A System of Descriptive Mineralogy" by Dana. 1 copy 11 25

(Please forward under enclosed frank.)

11 25

M. M. O'Reilly

Secretary Director of the Mint.

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September 12, 1917.

Honorable Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the eleventh instant.

Replying I am enclosing herewith copy of letter of this Bureau dated August twenty-fifth, giving the charges which would be imposed for the execution of minor coins for the Government of Peru.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By M. McReilly
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 12, 1917.

Macbeth - Evans Glass Company,
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I enclose blue print of a special bottle that we require. If you have anything similar in stock, I would thank you to submit a dimensional sketch and to quote a price for supplying three delivered to the Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

If you have nothing of the kind, I would thank you to bid on making three and delivering as above, the tubulure to be ground and the stop-cock ground to fit it and the neck fitted to be corked.

Please return the blue print with your reply.

Respectfully,

E. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 13, 1917.

Mr. James H. Newton,
Chairman, Board of Directors,
The Home National Bank,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the tenth instant enclosing a copy of statement published by you relative to a six-cent coin.

The statement has been read with interest and will be referred to in case legislation is undertaken for a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 13, 1917.

Mr. R. E. Griggs,
Representative, South African
Mining Groups Buying Committee,
233 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith letter addressed to the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

It will be convenient for you to visit the Mint next Monday morning, and I trust that you will be able to obtain the information you desire.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 14, 1917.

Mr. Frederick W. Miller,
1420 Pierce Building,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the money-order contained in your letter of September eleventh, together with package previously forwarded by you, and regret to advise you that there is no institution in Washington, connected with the Government, where assays are made for the public.

I would suggest that you forward the material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 14, 1917.

Dr. C. W. Mara,
56 Bank Street,
Waterbury, Conn.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the twelfth instant and also package containing dental scrap.

The same has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to treat the bullion and remit to you for its value less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 14, 1917.

Mr. Edward Bush,
Vice-Pres., American Smelting
and Refining Company,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bush:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over the phone today and to request that you cause to be deposited with the United States Mint at Denver, 100,000 ounces of fine silver at the rate of $1.06 5/8 per fine ounce, F. O. B. Denver Mint.

That Mint will need the additional 300,000 ounces referred to as soon as possible, and I will thank you to advise me when and in what quantities deliveries can be made. It is understood the price on this lot will be according to market when the transaction is closed.

With expression of appreciation for your assistance in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Insular Affairs

Washington

September 14, 1917.

Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that this Bureau is today in receipt of a cablegram from the Governor General of the Philippine Islands, advising that there will be shipped on the transport "Logan", sailing from Manila the 15th instant, to the Superintendent of the Mint, San Francisco, California, in charge of Lieutenant Otis Porter, United States Cavalry, 760,000 pesos, Philippine silver coin, for re-coinage purposes.

It is accordingly respectfully requested that the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint be directed to cause an official count and report on this shipment of coin to be made, and to certify the same to this Bureau for transmittal to the Auditor and Treasurer of the Philippine Islands, as in previous similar shipments.

Any expense incident to such count and report will be a proper charge against this Bureau, and payment will be made as heretofore upon presentation of proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles C. Walcott, Jr.,

Assistant Chief of Bureau.

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September 14, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
Brokers,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to telephone conversation had with you this day, the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to accept a deposit of two hundred thousand ounces of fine silver from you at the rate of $1.07 per fine ounce, F. O. B. that Mint, on or about October first.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 14, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to conversation had with you over telephone this day, the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to accept a deposit of one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of fine silver at the rate of $1.07½ per fine ounce, during the next week.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 17, 1917.

Mr. L. L. Lee,
8 Bigelow Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September fourteenth, I am enclosing herewith a circular which will explain the letters appearing on our coins.

The coins now being issued were first placed in circulation the following years:

Twenty and ten dollar pieces.....1907
Five and two and one-half
dollar pieces.....1908
The nickel pieces.....1911
The cent pieces.....1909
The subsidiary coins, - fifty,
twenty-five and ten-cent pieces 1917.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 17, 1917.

Mr. Pasquale Olfe,
814 South 7th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date, I beg to advise you that the only fifty-dollar gold coin ever authorized by Congress was that issued for the Panama-Pacific Exposition Company.

All of the coins of that denomination were delivered to that company and there are none in the Treasury or none in the Mints. I would suggest that you address the Exposition Company at San Francisco as to the possibility of procuring a coin.

I might add, that the coins were sold for the Exposition Company at $100. apiece.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 17, 1917.

Honorable Frank Park,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Park:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September twelfth, enclosing a letter from the Albany Grocery Company, relative to the issue of a coin of the denomination of 2½¢ or 3¢.

Replying I beg to state that an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the coinage of another coin other than those now in circulation. Should such legislation be undertaken, I will refer with pleasure to the letter of the Albany Grocery Company.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 17, 1917.

Chase National Bank,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me whether the gold bars purchased at the New York Assay Office during the calendar year 1916, and in general, for export to Canada, were intended for monetary use by your Canadian correspondent, or for use in the arts.

This information is desired for statistical purposes only, in computing totals, and will be considered as confidential.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 17, 1917.

Messrs. Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me whether the gold bars purchased at the New York Assay Office during the calendar year 1916, and in general, for export to Canada, were intended for monetary use by your Canadian correspondent, or for use in the arts.

This information is desired for statistical purposes only, in computing totals, and will be considered as confidential.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 17, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
Brokers,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone message of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, 200,000 ounces of fine silver at $1.09¼, F. O. B. Mint, Philadelphia, on or before October 20th.

I will thank you to make as early delivery as possible.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 17, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia 100,000 ounces fine silver at $1.09¼, and 100,000 at $1.09 3/8, F. O. B. Mint, Philadelphia, immediate delivery.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 18, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone message of the fifteenth instant, and to request that you deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, fifty thousand (50,000) ounces fine silver at $1.074, F. O. B. Mint, Philadelphia; delivery in ten days.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

September 18, 1917.

American Smelting and
Refining Company,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer deposit one hundred thousand ounces silver Denver one ten and one eighth accepted.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp.-Director of the Mint-1918

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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September 18, 1917.

Mr. H. C. Slavens,
150 Elm Street,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September fifteenth requesting information with regard to stock of silver of the United States with regard to uncoined silver owned by the United States.

I am enclosing herewith copy of the Treasurer's daily statement, which shows the balance of silver in the Treasury uncoined, and under separate cover I am enclosing copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, from which I trust you may be able to obtain the additional information required.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 18, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of September seventeenth in which you say you have been offered D'ore silver in large quantities, probably running 950 fine silver, .005 to .007 fine gold, and beg to advise you that this bullion will not be acceptable on account of contracts you now owe, or will owe the Government, for the reason that the silver contracted for must be fine or contain only copper base, suitable for immediate coinage purposes.

Please let us hear from you when you have D'ore silver for sale.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 18, 1917.

Mr. J. R. Vandiver,
Prewident, Farmers and
Merchants Bank,
Anderson, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Honorable E. D. Smith has been referred to this office for the information requested by you in connection with the cost of coinage and profits made thereon.

I am enclosing under separate cover copy of the Annaul Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, which contains the information desired by you.

That part of your letter referring to the life of the currency of the United States, has been referred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 18, 1917.

Honorable E. D. Smith,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of September twelfth, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, with which you enclose a communication from Mr. J. R. Vandiver, President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Anderson, S.C., requesting information on the cost of coinage and the profit made on the same, has been referred to this office.

I take pleasure in advising you that I am this day forwarding to Mr. Vandiver a copy of the Director's report for the fiscal year 1916, from which it is believed Mr. Vandiver can obtain the information desired.

Your letter has been referred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, for the information requested by him on the average life of certain United States bills.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 18, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone message of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, on or about October first, 300,000 ounces of fine silver, at $1.10½, F. O. B. that Mint.

It is understood that this silver will be deposited earlier if possible.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 19, 1917.

Ohmann Brothers,
Lyons,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the fourteenth instant in which you make inquiry as to the value of old silver.

In reply will advise that the Government purchases silver in quantities approximating $100. or over in value. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By [illegible]

Acting Director.

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September 19, 1917.

Mr. L. S. Wheeler,
1711 Crescent Avenue,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September thirteenth and also box containing shipment of lamp stems containing platinum.

In replying I regret to state that the Government does not purchase platinum in the form in which this is, and I am returning the unopened package to you this day.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By N. McReilly
Acting Director.

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September 19, 1917.

Mr. Roland Yoken,
126 North Street,
Millersburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September eighteenth, in which you make inquiry regarding positions under the Bureau of the Mint.

In reply will say that all of the positions in the Mint Service are under the Civil Service and appointments are subject to examination by that Commission.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McReilly
Acting Director.

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September 19, 1917.

Queen City Refining Company,
209 Bell Block,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the eighteenth instant.

In reply will say that the Mint receives old gold and silver in quantities valued at $100. and over. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for preparation of the material have been deducted.

The same will be received by the Mint at Denver and should be shipped by registered mail or express, prepaid.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. M. Reily

Acting Director.

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September 19, 1917.

Mr. C. P. Hayes,
1707 Broadway,
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the thirteenth instant, I beg to state that no dimes were coined at the Mint at Carson in 1870.

The first dimes manufactured in that institution were issued in 1871 and amounted to $6,400.

The coinage in the Mint at Carson in the fiscal year 1870, was made up of the following denominations and amounts:

Dollars.....	$12,158.
Half-dollars.....	6,400.
Quarter-dollars.....	1,235

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M McRaddy

Acting Director.

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September 20, 1917.

Honorable George H. Roberts,
Assistant to the President,
The National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Roberts:

Your letter of the nineteenth instant relative to coinage for Venezuela has been received, and a copy has this day been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia with the request that an estimate be immediately made, and upon receipt of this information, it will be transmitted to you without delay.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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September 20, 1917.

Director of the

Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the nineteenth instant, requesting the manufacture at the Philadelphia Mint of silver plates.

The order has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to comply with your request as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By M. McReady

Acting Director.

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September 20, 1917.

The Auditor

for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contract with the National District Telegraph Company of Louisiana, Limited, for electrical protection and signal alarm of the main storage vault of the Mint at New Orleans, duly approved.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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THE NATIONAL CITY BANK

Of New York

New York
September 19, 1917.

Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our correspondence relative to the coinage of Persian kran pieces, we beg to advise you that we forwarded the figures submitted by you to our correspondent but have never received any further communication upon the subject.

We are now in receipt of a letter from the Banco de Venezuela requesting us to obtain figures for the cost of coining 4,000,000 bolivares for the Government of Venezuela. The letter does not indicate the number of each denomination which they desired to have coined, but inasmuch as they have sent us one piece of each of the denominations from that of 5 bolivares down to the quarter bolivare, we assume that they intend to distribute the coinage in all denominations, to-wit:

Bolivares	5
"	2
"	1
"	.50
"	.25

They ask us to submit prices on the work of coinage and also for making the dies, master dies included. I presume that samples of these coins are to be seen in the coin collection of the Philadelphia Mint. We will be greatly obliged if you will advise us whether or not it will be practicable to have this coinage done at the Philadelphia Mint and also what the charges will be per 1,000 pieces for each denomination, and the chargew for making the dies. Also kindly let us know about when it will be practicable to do the work.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Geo. E. Roberts,

Assistant to the President.

9/20/17

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for report and return to this Bureau as soon as possible.

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By N. McRaelly
Acting Director.

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September 21, 1917.

Mrs. William Dorman,
Box 172, Omemee,
Ontario, Canada.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of inquiry of the seventeenth instant, and in reply will say that the following is a list of silver and minor coins and their legal weight in grains:

Silver coins -	- Grains
Half dollar.....	192.9
Quarter dollar.....	96.45
Dime.....	38.58
Minor coins -	
Five cents.....	77.16
One cent.....	48.

(Five cents 75% copper and 25% nickel; one cent 95% copper, 5% tin and zinc.)

There are 480 grains in one ounce.

It is not possible for this Bureau to furnish you with the information desired in the last three paragraphs of your letter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By
Acting Director.

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Mr. Herman Stein,
C/o H. R. Daniels,
44 Beekman Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the twentieth instant, and will say in reply that the weight of a silver dollar is 412½ grains and that of a dime is 38.58 grains.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 21, 1917.

Mr. V. C. Squier,
Manufacturer,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your request of September nineteenth, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916; the latest publication covering the transactions in silver and silver coinage of the United States.

Your name has been placed on the list for the forthcoming report, which will be ready for issue sometime in November.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 21, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to advise that you were this day authorized through the New York Assay Office to deposit 200,000 ounces of fine silver in the Mint at Philadelphia, at $1.15 3/4, F. O. B. Philadelphia.

It is understood that this deposit will be made immediately.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 21, 1917.

Honorable William Wallace White,
Consul General of Paraguay,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

This office would greatly appreciate any information you may be able to give us as to the financial laws at present in effect in Paraguay -- particularly such as will show the legal basis of that country's monetary system.

If available, we would thank you for a copy of such laws.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation over telephone this day, and request that you deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, early in October, 100,000 ounces of fine silver at $1.15 3/4, F. O. B., Mint Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 21, 1917.

Hanly and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of September twentieth in which you desire to know whether this office would consider the purchase of about 600,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Philadelphia Mint during the months of October, November and December. Also whether we would be interested in purchases for the first three months of the coming year, 1918.

In reply I beg to advise that we are in need of silver for immediate use and would not care at this time to contract or make contracts for future deliveries covering any great length of time.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 21, 1917.

A. Iselin and Company,
56 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to refer to your letter of September twentieth and to say that this office would be pleased to receive from you tenders on any foreign silver coin or bullion you may have to offer.

As silver will be needed by the Mints at San Francisco and Denver, as well as at Philadelphia, I would thank you when making tenders to quote prices delivered at those institutions. As you are aware, silver purchases are paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the fine silver content of coin or bars, less a refining charge of one-half cent per ounce and a melting charge of $1.00 per thousand ounces or fraction thereof.

Director Baker is at present out of the City. Upon his return, within about ten days, his attention will be called to your letter, and I am sure that it will give him pleasure to arrange a personal interview.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,
September 22, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York,
New York.

offer to Deposit Denver Mint soon as possible fifty thousand ounces fine silver one fifteen one half delivered. Accepted.

Chaffin
Acting Director.

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ERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp.--Director of the Mint - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2124.

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September 22, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of September twenty-first referring to certain deposits made by you in the New York Assay Office and for which you desired silver bars for silver contained therein, has been received.

In reply I beg to say that owing to the fact that the Government needs all the silver its refineries can produce, the refining of metal other than that owned by the Government, has been discontinued until further notice. They are, however, permitted to buy silver contained in bullion at the price fixed by this office if depositors care to accept it. It is your privilege, if you so desire, to withdraw your deposits; that is, the original metal deposited by you, upon payment of charges accrued, and if you have not been permitted to do so, there must be some misunderstanding in the New York Office.

They have this day been instructed to allow you to withdraw these deposits if you desire to do so. It is regretted that we have been compelled to discontinue pay-

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ment of fine silver for silver deposited for the present, but it could not be avoided.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 22, 1917.

Mr. Louis T. Zbinden,
Rate Board,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your telephone inquiry in regard to the item in the account of Mr. F. J. H. von Engelken, amounting to $2.00, Pullman Philadelphia to Washington, I beg to state that Mr. von Engelken boarded the local car for Philadelphia early in the evening and remained on board at Philadelphia until 7:00 A. M.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 22, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen;

Confirming telegram of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, as soon as possible, 50,000 ounces of fine silver at $1.15½, F.O.B. Denver.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 22, 1917.

Mr. James E. Keelyn,
15 South Raymond Avenue,
Pasadena, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request of the sixteenth instant, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916.

This report contains statistics on the production of the precious metals and their use in the arts.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list for future editions of this publication. I am enclosing herewith copy of the Treasurer's statement showing the stock of money in the United States.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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September 22, 1917.

Cal Hirsch and Sons Mercantile Company,
St. Louis,
Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the twentieth instant.

In reply will say that the Mint at Denver, Colorado, will receive old gold and silver jewelry and so forth, in quantities valued at $100. and over. Payment for the same is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for the preparation of the material have been deducted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 22, 1917.

G. Amsinck and Company,
P. O. Box 242,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In response to a request of the State Department dated the seventeenth instant, the coinage of 4,000,000 five centavo pieces for the Government of Ecuador has been this day authorized.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to deliver the same to you. This coinage will necessarily be somewhat delayed owing to the heavy demand for domestic coinage, but every effort will be made to expedite the same.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 24, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this date, please deposit with the United States Mint, Philadelphia, 150,000 ounces fine silver at $1.15 3/4, F. O. B. that Mint, delivery within ten days or sooner.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 24, 1917.

J. T. Cosby, Esq.,
Manager, National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Cosby:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Department Circular No. 1, giving the value of foreign coins.

As the date of the issue of the next edition approaches, we are anxious to bring the information in the "remarks" column as nearly up to date as possible. You were kind enough to assist us in correcting the copy for the April 1st edition, hence, I am venturing to trouble you further in the matter. I will greatly appreciate your courtesy and assistance.

As we are obliged to forward our copy to the Printer in advance of the issue of the circular, I hope it will not cause you any great inconvenience to return the copy to us by the 28th.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 24, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer deposit one hundred thousand ounces silver Denver Mint at one fifteen and half cents per ounce accepted. Prompt shipment.

Chaffin
Acting Director.

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MENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Director of the Mint - 1918
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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September 24, 1917.

Chief of the
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September fifteenth, enclosing a letter from the Department of State, which was accompanied by a communication and table from the Ambassador of the Argentine Republic, referring to an error in the report of stock of moneys in Argentina, as published by the Statistical Abstract in 1915.

In reply I beg to submit the following:

This Bureau apparently was furnished with incorrect figures as a result of the submission of our annual interrogatories through the State Department to the United States representative at Buenos Aires. In addition, we made incorrect conversions and incorrect interpretations of the received figures and their explanations.

We will make note in the forthcoming Annual Report of the corrections requested in the letter of the Argentine Ambassador.

In the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, the figures received ~~received~~ through the regular channels have been correctly converted to the United States equivalents; but the uncovered paper has been stated at its face value instead of at 44% thereof, which should have been done to make the value comparable with gold.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 24, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of this date, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces fine silver at $1.15½, F. O. B. Denver Mint, promptly.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 25, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Company,

New York, N. Y.

Your offer one hundred thousand ounces silver one fifteen and one-eighth cents delivered Denver Mint ~~is~~ accepted.

Chaffin

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Acting Director.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Director of the Mint - 1918
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September 25, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the twenty-fourth instant with reference to three assay receipts which you hold covering deposits made with the New York Office for silver bars.

The reference in your last letter to your metal was taken to mean that the return of your original metal had been denied you by the New York Office, which now appears not to have been the fact.

It is regretted that this office cannot aid you in obtaining silver in payment for these deposits, but it cannot consistently do so. As you know, all of the institutions of this service have been directed to discontinue the payment of silver bars in all cases, and if an exception is made in one case, there would have to be in others.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 25, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your telegram of this date offering to deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces silver at $1.15, F. O. B. Philadelphia Mint, and the same is accepted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 25, 1917.

American Smelting and
Refining Company,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces silver at $1.15 1/8, F. O. B., Denver Mint, as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 25, 1917.

Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September twenty-fourth, requesting the preparation of stamped envelope embossing dies.

The order has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia for compliance with the request.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 25, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
35 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this date, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) ounces silver at $1.15, F. O. B. Philadelphia, delivery within ten days.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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Wells, Fargo and Company, Express,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning bill of lading number T91321, dated July 20, 1917, covering transportation of $10,000. in one-cent pieces from Philadelphia to the Assistant Treasurer at New York City. Will you please have the bill of lading accomplished in full, the consignee's certificate at present being merely signed without being filled out.

Your bill number TD15-817 will be held pending return of the enclosed bill of lading.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

Sept. 26, 1917.

United States Smelting Company, Inc.,
New York, N. Y.

Silver not needed New York. Please quote price delivered Denver or San Francisco.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

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RY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp.-Director of the Mint - 1918

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September 26, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation had with you this day, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, within two weeks, two hundred thousand (200,000) ounces silver at $1.15¼ F. O. B. Mint, SanFrancisco.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 26, 1917.

Mr. Francis Kratschmer,
C/o J. P. Ruddy Company,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the twentieth instant, I beg to advise you that the nickles coined in the year 1912 contained no gold.

The slight discoloration sometimes noticed upon nickel coins may be due to the metal having come in contact with sulphur fumes.

The Lincoln one-cent piece with the initials "V. D. B." have no special value, - over twenty-three million of them are in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 26, 1917.

C. V. Drew, Esq.,
C/o Cerro de Pasco Mining Co.,
45 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September twenty-fifth, I beg to say that the demands for domestic coinage at this time of the year are extremely heavy. Our Mints are being operated on a twenty-four-hour basis.

The coiner of the Mint at Philadelphia has been given specific instructions to get through as fast as possible the manufacture of the discs promised to you. Some delay is inevitable and at this writing it is impossible to fix upon any date when the blanks will be ready.

Every opportunity to utilize the weighing machines upon the blanks is being seized by the coiner and we will do our very best to expedite the execution of your order.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Night Message. Washington,

September 26, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9-11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer to deposit three hundred thousand ounces silver San Francisco at one thirteent accepted.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.
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September 25, 1917.

Mr. James H. Northrup,
1133 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your letter of September twenty-first, I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be authorized to permit you to photograph medals referred to in your letter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 26, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of this day, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, three hundred thousand (300,000) ounces silver at $1.13-F. O. B. San Francisco Mint.

It is understood that this silver will be forwarded in two shipments, and as promptly as possible. If necessary, to be diverted from shipment of silver due Philadelphia on your contrants, deliveries on which contracts will not be delayed more than five days.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 26, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
35 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation of this day and to request that you deposit with the Mint at Denver, as soon as possible, one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) ounces silver at $1.13-3/4, F. O. B. Denver.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 26, 1917.

United States Smelting Company,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your telegram of this date offering fifty thousand (50,000) ounces silver at Denver or San Francisco, at $1.15-35/100, received, and I regret that the same cannot be accepted on account of the price.

We would be pleased to hear from you further when you have silver to offer.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 26, 1917.

Honorable Ollie M. James,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator James:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-fifth instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. Charles D. Goode of Cincinnati, relative to the design of the ten-cent piece.

The device on the die is the "fasces", which consists of a bundle of rods with battle ax, surrounded by a full-foliaged branch of olive. The artist who designed the coin, Mr. A. A. Weinman, intended it to represent unity.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 27, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

Confirming telephone conversation had with you this day, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, three hundred thousand (300,000) ounces of silver at $1.08-3/4, F. O. B. that Mint.

It is understood that delivery will be made in October and that more definite dates as to delivery will be given later.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

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September 27, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, within ten days, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces silver at $1.08-3/4, F. O. B. Denver.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 27, 1917.

Mr. A. B. Lange,
Clerk, Woodmen of the World,
London, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twentieth instant; also package containing phosphate.

In replying will say that I have referred both your letter and the package to the Bureau of Soils, Department of Agriculture, for their action.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 27, 1917.

Mr. Samuel J. Badge,
71 Milwaukee East,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-fourth instant and also package.

In replying will say that the same has been forwarded to the Assay Office at New York, as there is no institution of the Government in Washington where deposits of this kind are received.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office will make return to you for the value of the silver, less the charges for treating the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 27, 1917.

Mr. William Kelday,
513 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the thirteenth instant addressed to Honorable Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, has been referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

The medal of the President is manufactured at the Mint in Philadelphia and is for sale at that institution at about $1.00.

I regret that we have none of the medals at our disposal in Washington.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 27, 1917.

Mr. H. Ringelke,
1007 Tinton Avenue,
The Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September twenty-sixth relative to your candidacy for the position of Assistant Metallist in the Mint at Philadelphia.

In replying will say that appointment to the position is subject to Civil Service examination, the date of which has not yet been determined upon, and the annual salary paid is $1400.00.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 27, 1917.

A. A. Weinman, Esq.,
441 West 21st Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Weinman:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-sixth instant.

Mr. Baker is expected to be in the office next week and at that time I will be pleased to call your letter to his attention.

Respectfully,

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September 27, 1917.

Mr. George P. Anderson,
3313 West Fullerton Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the twenty-fourth instant relative to shipment of silver.

In replying will say that this office has no record of the receipt of any such package of silver from you and would advise that you take the matter up with the American Express Company in Chicago.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

BE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 27, 1917.

Mr. Wolsson,
Copper Committee,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Please forward to Mint at Philadelphia thirty thousand pounds best grade electrolytic copper for minor coinage metal, on basis of twenty-three and half cents pound. Demand for copper urgent. Please cause immediate delivery to be made. Advise this Bureau date of delivery.

Chaffin
Acting Director.

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VERNMENT RATES,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Director of the Mint - 1918
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

September 27, 1917.

Hon. R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
Reno, Nevada.

Price silver bid one five asking one nine. Procured three hundred thousand ounces San Francisco today one eight three-quarters delivered. Everything at Bureau in good shape. Overtaking coinage orders at Mints.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 28, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
New York, N. Y.

Your wire offering one hundred thousand ounces silver one dollar one eighth cent Denver Mint received. Please make quotation cover delivery San Francisco Mint.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Director of the Mint - 1918

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September 28, 1917.

Mr. A. B. Wilson,
Chief Clerk, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Lance:

Miss O'Reilly submitted a sample of the linen bags you sent down, to the Treasury Unit of the Red Cross people, and they have asked her whether or not you can furnish them with about three hundred for some use.

Won't you please send that number to the Bureau?

Very sincerely,

F. W. Griffin

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September 28, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, as soon as possible, one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at $1.00½, F.O.B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 28, 1917.

Mr. William Klimer,
7 North Straight Street,
Patterson, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with enclosure of specification and drawing, relative to an improvement in coins.

In replying I regret to advise you that it is necessary to have an Act of Congress to authorize any change whatever in the design of the coins of the United States.

Your drawing and specification are returned herewith, after having been read with much interest, and we wish to thank you for your courtesy in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. P. Gaffney

Acting Director.

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September 28, 1917.

Mr. Charles F. Easton,
209 West Holly Street,
Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the twenty-second instant, relative to the percentage of alloy present in the five-cent piece.

In replying will say that the five-cent piece is composed of seventy-five percent copper and twenty-five percent nickel. Ten percent alloy is used in the gold and silver coins.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 28, 1917.

Mr. J. M. Johnston,
Stuart,
Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the fourteenth instant.

In replying will say that there are no institutions in the Mint Service that purchase platinum or asbestos and we have no laboratories that make assays on asbestos or platinum for the public.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 28, 1917.

Mr. Joseph D. Little,
Manager, The Gorham Co.,
Maiden Lane, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant relative to foreign coinage.

The law permits the manufacture of coins for foreign governments by our mints when the demands for domestic coinage will permit. Arrangements for such coinage are usually negotiated, through the State Department, ~~with~~ by the duly accredited representative of the foreign Government at this capital, and an agent named by him to receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint.

The Department is closed to visitors, merely bent upon sight-seeing, but does not exclude those wishing to do business with any branch of the Treasury service. Should you find it expedient to visit Washington, it will be a pleasure to give you all the information we have regarding the usual procedure followed in relation to foreign coinage.

Respectfully,
R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

Acting Director.

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September 28, 1917.

Hon. Gilbert A. Currie,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Currie:

Your letter of the 26th instant relative to the coinage of 5 and 6 cent pieces, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Bureau for reply.

Several bills have recently been introduced proposing the coinage of other denominations of coin than those now in circulation, but they have failed of enactment. Should legislation providing for the coinage of a 6 or 7 cent piece be proposed your letter will be referred to with interest. The Department has so far made no recommendation for the issue of a new coin.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

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September 28, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the United States Mint at Denver, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver, within ten days, at $1.00¼, F. O. B. Denver.

While it is understood that this shipment may consist of foreign coin, it is preferred, if you are able to furnish it, that it will be made up of fine silver.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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September 28, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of the twenty-eighth instant, I beg to advise that the Mint at Denver is familiar with handling silver bullion deposits and will remit to you 90% of the value of the consignment as soon as it arrives and is weighed by that institution.

You are correct in construing the word "deposit" as used by this office, to mean shipment of the silver purchased as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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October 1, 1917.

Auditor of Freight Traffic,
The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill number 3312, attention invited to attached copy of letter of the Auditor for the Treasury Department.

Kindly have the bill of lading accomplished in the name of your company, otherwise claim for payment will have to be made by the Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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October 1, 1917.

Mr. William H. Heuer,
Room 633,
326 West Madison Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-ninth ultimo relative to sets of proof coins.

In replying will say that the price of minor proof coins is five cents above the face value of the same. No proof coins above the denominations of the five and one-cent piece are now manufactured, and these may be obtained by addressing the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

I am returning herewith the five-dollar bill enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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October 1, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this day and to request that you deposit with the Denver Mint, shipment to be made within ten days or less, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces coin silver at ninety-seven and three-quarters cents per fine ounce, F. O. B. Denver, the bullion to be subject to the usual melting and one-half cent per ounce refining charge.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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October 1, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone message of this date, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, as soon as possible, one hundred thousand ounces of coin silver at ninety-eight and one-half cents per ounce, F. O. B. Denver Mint., the bullion to be subject to the usual melting and one-half cent per ounce refining charge.

Also two hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver at ninety-eight and one-half cents, F. O. B. Denver Mint, shipment to be made within ten days or less.

I will thank you if you will push this shipment as fast as possible.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. D. Chaffin
Acting Director.

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October 1, 1917.

Mr. J. T. Cosby,
Manager, National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of September twenty-ninth in which you request to be advised as to when we expect to have ready for distribution the new copies of "The Monetary Systems of the World".

I regret to say that we are still waiting the return of these reports from the printer, the proof having been returned to them some two weeks ago. The delay is now due to the fact that the Printing Office is overcrowded with work, but we surely expect to have the same within the next few days.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 2, 1917.

W. R. Grace and Company,
New York, N. Y.

Superintendent Mint Philadelphia this day authorized to deliver to you one hundred thousand Peruvian blanks.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

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BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Director of the Mint 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 2, 1917.

Cerro de Pasco Mining Company,
15 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Philadelphia Mint has ready for delivery one hundred thousand Peruvian discs. If you care to receive partial shipment advise this Bureau.

Chaffin

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Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ~~Cont. Exp. Director of the Mint 1918~~
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
October 2, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York, N. Y.

Bid on silver dated yesterday received today declined.

Please quote today's prices.Denver and San Francisco.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 2, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,

New York, N. Y.

Your offer silver ninety-four three-quarters cents delivered Denver received. Please quote price delivered San Francisco.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

JHG

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RW BE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 2, 1917.

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M. J. Corbett and Company,
34 State Street,
New York.

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Chaffin

Acting Director.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 2, 1917.

Mr. F. Weiss,
16 Fairmount Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-fourth ultimo.

In replying will say that we appreciate your courteous interest in the matter of which you speak and have placed your letter on file for reference at the proper time.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington, Oct 2 1917

United Metals Selling Co.,
New York.

Lower bid for silver received. Your offer respectfully declined.

Chaffin,
Acting Director.

JNL

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ERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent expenses Director of Mint.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 2, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
New York City.

Your offer of silver delivery Denver at ninety-four three quarters accepted.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 2, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telegram of this day and to request that you deposit with the Mint at Denver, one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at $.94-3/4 per fine ounce, F. O. B. Denver Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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October 3, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of October second with reference to quoting prices on silver delivered at the Mint at San Francisco and the Mint at Denver, and would thank you when making these proposals to cover both of these points in the quotations and that the same be forwarded to this office, rather than to either the Mint at San Francisco or Denver.

This request is made for the reason that a proposal made to both the Mint at San Francisco and this office may be accepted by that Mint and also by us, for shipment of the same lot to Denver, while if both quotations are sent to this office the proposal covering the point where most needed can be accepted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By
Acting Director.

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October 2, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this day and to request that you deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, shipment within five days, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces fine silver, or the equivalent weight in coin, at 95-3/4 cents per ounce, F. O. B. Mint San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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October 3, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
35 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this day and to request that you deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, as soon as possible, eighty-six thousand (86,000) ounces of fine silver at ninety-five and three-quarters cents F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1917.

Chief, Bureau of
Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the table on "Wholesale Prices in the United States" with the figures covering the price of silver supplied as you request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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October 3, 1917.

Miss Elizabeth K. Atterbury,
22 Belmont Avenue,
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of September twenty-ninth, relative to the meaning of the word "brassage", and would refer you to the Century Dictionary for the proper definition of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1917.

Cerro de Pasco Mining Company,
15 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your telegram of the second, and to the reply of this Bureau to the effect that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia had been instructed to deliver to you one hundred thousand (100,000) Peruvian blanks, I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint advises us that it would be impossible for him to have another one hundred thousand blanks ready for shipment by boat sailing on the eighth instant. He has, however, stated that he will make every effort to have another consignment ready for you by the fifteenth.

The Superintendent will be in Washington today and I will take the matter up with him personally and urge all possible haste in the completion of your order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1917.

Mr. Frank Keiper,
6 State Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding under separate cover the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, which gives all of the information in the possession of this Bureau covering the production and consumption of gold in the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces fine silver at ninety-five and three-quarters cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

It is understood that shipment will be made in three or four days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to telephone conversation this day with reference to payment for silver shipped by you to the Philadelphia Mint in New York, I beg to say that the matter was taken up with the Treasurer's Office and they advise that there will be no objection to transfers of these funds by telegraph as requested by you.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been so advised.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of October third in which you request that payments for silver delivered by you to the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, be paid for by transfer of funds to New York by telegraph, and have to say that arrangements have been made for such payments for silver delivered at San Francisco and Philadelphia, but cannot be made in case of deliveries at Denver. As you are aware, there is no sub-Treasury located in Denver.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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October 4, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone message of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) ounces silver; one hundred thousand ounces to be shipped this day and fifty thousand ounces to follow as soon as possible, at ninety-four cents per fine ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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October 4, 1917.

General Electric Company,
Schenectady,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the second instant, I beg to state that the device you describe for drying the hands has not been installed in any of the institutions of the Mint Service, as far as this office is aware.

Regretting that we cannot give a more satisfactory report, I am,

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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October 4, 1917.

Miss Grace M. Coleman,
911 Toluca Avenue,
Alliance, Neb.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the twenty-third ultimo.

In response to the same will say that the piece you describe is not a coin, but what is commonly known as a "token piece", and is not rare, - many of them being in circulation at the present time.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone message of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, prompt shipment, one hundred fifty thousand ounces silver at ninety-four cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,
October 5, 1917.

S. and B. Lederer,
Providence, R. I.

Having calculation made regarding metal. Will advise you.

Director.

BUSINESS,
MENT RATES.
REASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Director of the Mint - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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October 5, 1917.

Mr. William J. Dilthey,
Arizona Copper Belt Mining Co.,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I regret to advise you that I cannot, as requested in your letter of the eighteenth ultimo, suggest a way for the encouragement and development of new mines in Arizona.

While this Government is interested in the production of gold and silver, it is not in any way connected with the mining of these metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1917.

A. Iselin and Company,
36 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone message of this date, please ship to the United States Mint at Denver, approximately one hundred and seventy-seven thousand ounces Mexican pesos at ninety-two cents per ounce, subject to the Melting and refining charge of one-half cent per ounce, F. O. B. Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 5, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Accept your offer to deliver one hundred thousand ounces silver Denver Mint at ninety-two and quarter cents per ounce.

Director.

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Director of the Mint - 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 4, 1917.

Miss Edyth L. Miller,
Librarian, Rockefeller Foundation,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the first instant.

In response to your request for information as to the monthly fluctuation in the value of the Peking tael from the year 1880 to 1917, I am enclosing herewith a table which shows the quarterly fluctuation in value of the Haikwan tael from the year 1890, and the Peking tael from 1903 to the present time, which is the only data obtainable from our records.

The first record we have of the Peking tael is on October 1, 1903, at which time its value was .643.

I trust that the information given is what is desired by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Value and Fluctuation of the Peking and Haikwan Tael.

The first record this office has of the Peking Tael is on October 1, 1903, and up to this time, from 1890, we have given the fluctuation in the value of the Haikwan Tael. It might be said that the Haikwan Tael is equivalent to 104.370 Peking Taels; therefore value of Haikwan Tael x 0.95812973 = value of Peking Tael.

Haikwan Tael

1890		1891		1892		1893	
Jan. 1 -	1.148	Jan. 1 -	1.27	Jan. 1 -	1.13	Jan. 1 -	1.01
Apr. " -		Apr. " -	1.209	Apr. " -	1.093	Apr. " -	1.004
July " -		July 1 -	1.21	July " -	1.067	July " -	.994
Oct. " -	1.40	Oct. " -	1.189	Oct. " -	1.013	Oct. " -	.873

1894		1895		1896		1897	
Jan. 1 -	.849	Jan. 1 -	.749	Jan. 1 -	.808	Jan. 1 -	.780
Apr. " -	.765	Apr. " -	.726	Apr. " -	.812	Apr. " -	.770
July " -	.753	July " -	.800	July " -	.819	July " -	.730
Oct. " -	.763	Oct. " -	.800	Oct. " -	.806	Oct. " -	.678

1898		1899		1900		1901	
Jan. 1 -	.697	Jan. 1 -	.722	Jan. 1 -	.703	Jan. 1 -	.771
Apr. " -	.673	Apr. " -	.714	Apr. " -	.717	Apr. " -	.742
July " -	.688	July " -	.728	July " -	.721	July " -	.717
Oct. " -	.718	Oct. " -	.718	Oct. " -	.742	Oct. " -	.704

1902		1903	
Jan. 1 -	.680	Jan. 1 -	.594
Apr. " -	.663	Apr. " -	.580
July " -	.629	July " -	.633
Oct. " -	.631	Oct. " -	(First record of Peking Tael-value-.643)

Peking Tael

1904		1905		1906		1907	
Jan. 1 -	.669	Jan. 1 -	.689	Jan. 1 -	.743	Jan. 1 -	.815
Apr. " -	.670	Apr. " -	.701	Apr. " -	.763	Apr. " -	.799
July " -	.644	July " -	.674	July " -	.768	July " -	.774
Oct. " -	.674	Oct. " -	.706	Oct. " -	.775	Oct. " -	.797

1908		1909		1910		1911	
Jan. 1 -	.686	Jan. 1 -	.583	Jan. 1 -	.599	Jan. 1 -	.645
Apr. " -	.651	Apr. " -	.599	Apr. " -	.605	Apr. " -	.622
July " -	.628	July " -	.612	July 1 -	.625	July " -	.622
Oct. " -	.610	Oct. " -	.599	Oct. 1 -	.625	Oct. " -	.613

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1912		1913		1914		1915	
1 -	.639	Jan. 1 -	.739	Jan. 1 -	.693	Jan. 1 -	.584
" -	.676	Apr. " -	.711	Apr. " -	.674	Apr. " -	.579
" -	.706	July " -	.697	July " -	.674	July " -	.587
" -	.721	Oct. " -	.695	Oct. " -	.636	Oct. " -	.5652

1916		1917	
1 -	.6138	Jan. 1 -	.8693
" -	.6730	Apr. " -	.9365
" -	.8037	July " -	.9628
" -	.7942	Oct. " -	1.1355

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,
October 6, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer fifty thousand ounces silver respectfully declined on account of price.

Director.

BUSINESS.
RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Director of the Mint - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 6, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this day and request that you ship to the Mint at Denver, within six or seven days, seventy-five thousand (75,000) ounces of coin silver at ninety-one and one-half cents per ounce, F. O. B. Denver, subject to the usual melting and refining charge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, immediate shipment, one hundred thousand ounces silver at ninety-two and one-quarter cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1917.

Wells, Fargo and Company,
817 South Fifth Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter of this office dated January 19, 1917, pertaining to the attached copy of your bill number 8185, which should enable you to trace this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1917.

Mr. Edward Brush,
Secretary of Copper Committee,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Bureau of the rate at which you can deliver to the Mint at San Francisco twenty-five tons of electrolytic cathode copper for alloy; cathodes to be eleven and one half inches by three inches. Please state also approximate time of delivery.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1917.

Mr. H. F. Estelle,
#9, Russell Apartment,
Third and Boulevard,
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October fourth, I beg to state that silver in quantities valued at $100. and over will be received at the Mint in Denver and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after the charges for fitting the material for coinage have been deducted.

The price of silver changes daily. It is approximately ninety cents per ounce today.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1917.

Hastings Brothers,
Jewelers,
Winona, Minn.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 2nd, I beg to state that silver in quantities valued at $100. and over will be received at the Mint in Denver and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after the charges for fitting the material for coinage have been deducted.

The price of silver changes daily; it is approximately ninety cents per ounce today.

There is no Mint in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1917.

Mrs. C. E. Hall,
Rockwell,
North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the second instant, and am enclosing herewith the box of stone which you forwarded to this office sometime since.

The stone about which you make inquiry is quartz crystal and has no particular commercial value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1917.

Mr. O. K. Glimme,
314 East Wilson Street,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the third ultimo and package containing old silver.

In response will say that I have this day referred the same to the U. S. Assay Office at New York, the Superintendent of which institution will forward check to you, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, for the value of the silver, after charges for preparing the material have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1917.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the twenty-ninth ultimo, relative to the installation of a ventilating and dust collecting system in the deposit melting room of the refinery of the New York Assay Office, I beg to state that the contingent fund of the New York Assay Office is so limited as not to permit us to undertake this expenditure.

It was necessary for us to ask for a deficiency appropriation for this fund during the fiscal year 1917, and we are facing the same situation for the fiscal year 1918.

I would appreciate it therefore, if you would take steps to procure the necessary appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 8, 1917.

Mr. Edward Brush,
Secretary, Copper Committee,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Twenty tons of best electrolytic copper needed at Mint Denver immediately. How soon can you supply it.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont.Exp.-Director of the Mint. - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6527 DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 6, 1917.

Mr. R. E. Griggs,
C/o The Goldfields American
Development Company, Ltd.,
233 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Griggs:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter of introduction to Mr. Bovie, Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, as requested by you on a recent visit to Washington.

I have carefully considered the matter of furnishing you with a blue print of coining machinery in the Mint at Philadelphia, and regret to say under present conditions I do not feel free to allow blue prints of machinery to pass to anyone outside of this service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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October 8, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
35 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia two hundred thousand (200,000) ounces of silver at ninety-one and three-quarters cents per ounce, F.O.B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1917.

A. Iselin and Company,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, immediate shipment, one hundred and sixty-eight thousand (168,000) ounces coin silver at ninety-one cents per ounce, subject to the usual melting and refining charge, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Confirming conversation of this date, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, delivery during this month, one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) ounces of silver at ninety-one and one-quarter cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

ational Nickel Company,
New York City.

October 8

ntendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

		Per lb.
Screen shot nickel for minor coinage	Five Tons	$0.42½

Director of the Mint

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October 8, 1917.

International Nickel Company,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please forward to the Mint at Denver at the earliest date possible, five tons of nickel for minor coinage.

It is understood that the price is to be forty cents per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 9, 1917.

International Nickel Company,

New York, N. Y.

Please ignore letter of October eighth requesting nickel for Denver and accept formal order at forty-two and one-half cents delivered.

Baker

Director.

BUSINESS,
MENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Director of the Mint - 1918

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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October 8, 1917.

Mr. Fred Hardesty,
Riggs Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to confirm conversation of this date accepting through you fivety tons of nickel delivered to the Mint at Denver, at the rate of 42½ cents per pound.

The formal order is being sent forward to the International Nickel Company, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 9, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Company,

New York, N. Y.

Your offer silver one hundred thousand ounces at ninety and three-quarters cents Denver accepted.

Director.

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp.- Director of the Mint - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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Bureau of the Mint

Contingent Expenses - 1918 - Bureau of the Mint

h and Lomb Optical Company October 9, 7

Fifteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

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Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1917.

Robert H. Kirk, Esq.,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the sixth instant, the same having been referred to this office by that of the Secretary of the Treasury.

In reply will state that on the 4th instant we replied to a letter of Miss Edyth L. Miller, Librarian of the Rockefeller Foundation, in which letter we gave the quarterly fluctuation of the Kaikwan and Peking taels from the year 1890 to the present date, having had no record of either the Peking or Haikwan tael before that date.

Trusting that the information given your Librarian will meet the requirements of your institution, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1917.

The William Gent Vending Machine Co.,
830 East 93rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the sixth instant relative to the issue of coins in other denominations than those now current, I beg to advise you that an Act of Congress would be required for the issue of any new coin.

Several bills have been introduced and have failed of enactment.

Your letter will be referred to with pleasure should legislation be taken up proposing the manufacture of a new coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1917.

Mr. D. Ridgely Cowan,
1602 Eutaw Place,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the fifteenth of September, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau for reply, I beg to state that all positions in the Mint Service are subject to Civil Service examination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 9, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Hutson,
1505 N. Wabash Street,
Kokomo, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October sixth relative to platinum and tungsten, and have to advise you that the Government is not in the market for these two metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

October 9, 1917.

ited Metals Selling Company,
New York, N. Y.

pt your offer fifty thousand ounces silver delivered Philadelphia
t at decimal ninety thirty-five.

Director.

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NT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp.-Director of the Mint - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 9, 1917.

Mr. Matt. Steidel,
P. O. Box 426,
Martinsville, Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 7th, I beg to advise you that the gold dollars issued in commemoration of the memorial erected to President McKinley can be obtained from the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio.

Coins are sold by the Association for $3.00 apiece, or four for $10.00, and none of the same are in the Treasury Department or at the disposal of others than members of the Association.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 9, 1917.

H. M. Brush,
Secretary Copper Producers Committee,
60 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Please forward to Mint Denver at earliest possible date twenty tons electrolytic copper for minor coinage, and to the Mint at San Francisco twenty-five tons electrolytic copper for coinage. Ingots for San Francisco to be about eleven one half by three inches. Need of this metal urgent both institutions.

R.T.Baker
Director of Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

2—6527 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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September 10, 1917.

The Auditor for

The Treasury Department.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of yesterday, addressed to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, (copy forwarded to this office) I have to advise that silver deposited at Mint Service institutions should be paid for at the rate current on date of deposit of bullion, rather than at rate current on date of payment, whenever the rate is changed between those dates.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1917.

Dr. Ray B. Westerfield,
245 Durfee Hall,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of October eighth in which you refer to charts of shipments of cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, and half-dollars, published in the March number of the Journal of the American Bankers' Association, and beg to advise that the charts referred to were reproduced from photographs of the blue prints on file in this office.

I regret to advise you that I have no copies of these blue prints for distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to advise you that the Treasurer has advised this office that the practice now in force of transfering funds between New York and Philadelphia through his office by wire has been discontinued for the reason that no telegraphic transfers are made unless the request reaches him by ten o'clock in the morning. All requests reaching him after that hour are included in his daily letter to New York and payments are made in that City on the following day. As the majority, if not all, of these transfers have reached him after ten o'clock, your payments have been delayed rather than expedited.

You can readily see that if the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia mails his check to you promptly instead of making request for transfer of the funds through the sub-Treasury and the Treasurer's Office here by telegraph, you will in all probability receive payment more promptly than you are now receiving them under the present arrangement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of the ninth instant, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, immediate delivery, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver at 90-3/4 cents per ounce, F.O.B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of the ninth instant, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, immediate delivery, fifty thousand (50,000) ounces of silver at .9055 per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October ninth relative to the order for copper for the Mints, which has been turned over to you by the Copper Committee.

I am enclosing herewith copy of telegram sent on the ninth instant to Mr. Brush, which covers the orders in question.

It is understood that you are to forward as early as practicable twenty (20) tons of the best electrolytic copper to the Mint at Denver and twenty-five (25) tons of electrolytic copper to the Mint at San Francisco. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco requests that the ingots be about 11½ by 3 inches.

Please advise this Bureau of the rate per pound at which this copper is to be supplied to the institutions named, including the cost of delivery to each institution.

Responding to your request, I am enclosing herewith six copies of form upon which account shall be rendered by you. Please forward the accounts to the respective institutions and not to this Bureau.

I would appreciate your early attention to these two orders as the necessity for the copper is very urgent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 11, 1917.

merican Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Please forward to Mint Denver earliest possible date twenty tons lectrolytic copper, and to San Francisco Mint twenty-five tons electrolytic opper for coinage. Ingots for San Francisco to be about eleven one half by hree inches. Need urgent both institutions.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2-1627

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October 11, 1917.

T. Louis Comparette, Esq.,
Curator, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Comparette:

The medals for the Museum have been forwarded to Mr. F. D. Langenheim, Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, in six packages.

It was necessary to send the packages in several lots in order to get them through the Post Office. The postage paid on them will be indicated by the stamps.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 12, 1917.

Mr. C. K. Mead,
Marine Sales Department,
General Electric Company,
Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the tenth instant relative to a letter from your General Office dated October second.

In reply will state that the letter referred to was signed by Mr. W. Rockwood Conover, Industrial Economist for the General Electric Company, Schenectady Works.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 12, 1917.

Miss M. A. Dees,
Stockton,
Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of September twenty-fifth addressed to the Treasury Department was referred to this Bureau from the Office of the Treasurer.

I am returning herewith the package containing material sent by you and beg to advise you that it is pyrites and of no value for coinage.

The delay in replying to your first letter was due to the fact that the package and letter were delivered to separate offices.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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October 12, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen: Attention of Mr. Scully.

Your letter of October tenth, relating to a conversation had with your Mr. Scully, regarding the sale of a large quantity of Mexican pesos to this Government, has been received.

Since talking with Mr. Scully, I find the supply of silver bullion now on hand and to be delivered on purchases is of such an amount that I do not at this time feel free to consider a proposition involving additional purchases of large quantities of silver.

Thanking you for your generous offer and the interest taken by you in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 13, 1917.

S. and B. Lederer Company,

Providence, R. I.

At this date figures for proposed coinage would be the same as those previously given and charges at same rate. No foreign coinage could be undertaken by the United States Mint during current calendar year.

Director.

WORDS.
RATES.
DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp.-Director of the Mint - 1918

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 13, 1917.

Mills Novelty Company,
Jackson Boulevard and Green St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of October tenth requesting a copy of the "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", and beg to advise you that the latest edition of this pamphlet is now in the hands of the printer.

The name of your firm has been placed on our mailing list and a copy of the same will be sent to you when available.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 13, 1917.

Mr. I. B. Switzer,
1109 Shelby Street,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the eleventh instant.

In reply will say that the Mint at Denver will receive old gold and silver in amounts valued at $100.00 and over. Remittance will be made to you by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States for value of the same, minus charges for the treatment of the material.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1917.

Mr. T. B. Moon,
C/o Lotus Manufacturing Co.,
28 East Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twelfth instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to this Bureau for answer.

In reply will say that an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin other than those now in circulation.

Your letter has been read with interest and should such legislation be undertaken, your letter will be referred to with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1917.

The Auditor

for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am returning herewith voucher #1500, of the Joseph Bartley Crucible Company, with a copy of letter from this office advising said company that their bid was accepted

F. O. B. Trenton, New Jersey.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

FNL

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October 15, 1917.

Lieut. Col. A. Van Deaman, Chief,
Military Intelligence Section,
War Department.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of September twenty-ninth, I am enclosing herewith copy of the estimate of the World Production of Gold and Silver, prepared by this Bureau.

I would thank you to treat the information contained in this table as confidential until the first Monday in December, at which time it will appear in my annual report.

Respectfully,

W. B. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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October 15, 1917.

The University of Chicago Libraries,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your post card of October twelfth, I regret to advise you that the edition of "Mint Processes of the United States" is completely exhausted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night message. Washington,

October 15, 1917.

Mr. Frank Reber,
Winnemucca, Nevada.

Wire Superintendent Mint Philadelphia address Mary Hackett recommended temporary sewing women.

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—6927 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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October 16, 1917.

The Director of Statistics,
1 Council House Street,
Calcutta, India.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of August 14th, 1917, number 3317-150, I beg to advise that this office would be pleased to continue to receive the following annual reports of India;

Statistics of British India, - Vol. 1 Commercial Statistics.
Statistics of British India, - Vol. 2 Financial Statistics.
Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India with an introductory memorandum.

Items two and twelve heretofore received are not of particular value to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 16, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer silver respectfully declined.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Mint Bureau - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.
1—1917

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October 16, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of October 15th, I beg to say that all fine silver produced in the Assay Office at New York will for an indefinite period be used for coinage purposes only.

There is no objection to your depositing occasionally with that office ten thousand (10,000) ounces silver bullion .999 fine, for melt and recast into Assay Office bars upon payment of the usual charges, it being understood that your original metal will be returned to you and deposits of silver accepted from you for recasting into bars only at such times as it will not interfere with the regular business of the office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 17, 1917.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
New York, N. Y.

Superintendent Mint Philadelphia making preparations for coinage five centavo Peruvian pieces. Dies about completed. Coinage cannot be undertaken until late in December owing to demand for domestic coinage.

Baker

Director.

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AL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Supt. Dep. - Mint Bureau - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
1-1917

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October 17, 1917.

International Nickel Company,
45 Exchange Place,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith account nickel forwarded to Denver, with the request that bill be rendered on enclosed form of voucher and forwarded to the Mint at Denver for payment.

Respectfully,
R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint

By
Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

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October 17, 1917.

Alexander S. Ingram, Esq.,
Assistant Cashier and Manager,
Mechanics Bank,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the seventeenth instant addressed to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying I beg to advise you that gold dollars in commemoration of the memorial to President McKinley are for sale by the McKinley National Birthplace Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio. They are not being handled by the Treasury Department. The Association is selling them for $3.00 apiece or four for $10.00.

Respectfully,

R.T. Baker
Director of the Mint

By F. O. Chaffin
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Bureau of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint Bureau, 1918.

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823 H Street, N.E., Washington, D. C.

int Bureau, Treasury Department.

11	Acid, nitric;				
	(B)C. p., sp. gr. 1.42; in 7 pound bottles, 10 bottles to the case	70	lb	.165	11 55

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1917.

Mr. T. Louis Comparette,
Curator, United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Comparette:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the seventeenth instant enclosing stamps equalling the amount used by this Bureau in forwarding medals to the Philadelphia Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Memorial Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

L. Baker

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 18, 1917.

Mr. S. H. Hu,
C/o The Y. M. C. A.,
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the fifteenth instant addressed to the Bureau of Publications, Department of Interior, I beg to say that I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report which gives illustrations and mint processes.

It is regretted that we have no recent publication covering the improvements made upon this equipment herein illustrated.

Respectfully,

R. M. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1917.

Mr. Henry Troemner,
911 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise this Bureau of the rate at which you would supply one set of test weights for the Mint of the United States at Carson.

The weights are to be 500 milligrams to .5 milligrams, marked 1,000 to 1, and are to come within the requirements of Class A, Bureau of Standards. The weights are to be tested by that Bureau before being sent to Carson.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1917.

Voland and Sons,
New Rochelle,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau of the rate at which you would supply one set of test weights for the Mint of the United States at Carson.

The weights are to be 500 milligrams to .5 milligrams, marked 1,000 to 1, and are to come within the requirements of Class A, Bureau of Standards. The weights are to be tested by that Bureau before being sent to Carson.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1917.

Mr. M. F. R. English,
520 West Lovell Street,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the seventeenth instant, and will advise you that I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, from which you can probably obtain the information you desire.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 18, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Denver one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver at eighty-five (85) cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint, shipment to be made within a week.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 18, 1917.

Mr. R. L. Martin,
310 Quincy Building,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October ninth addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting that you be advised as to the highest premium that gold reached from 1860 up to the present time, has been referred to this office.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a pamphlet issued by this Department which will give you the desired information between the years 1862 and 1878. This pamphlet contains the only data upon the subject to which you refer.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 19, 1917.

lican Smelting Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

ted Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

nsenin Brothers, Baltimore, Md.

At what rate per pound will you deliver to Mint Denver twenty electrolytic copper for coinage.

Director of the Mint.

BUSINESS.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.

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October 19, 1917.

Honorable Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October sixteenth relative to the manufacture of one and two-centavo copper pieces for your Government.

The letter of this Bureau dated July nineteenth, nineteen sixteen, quoted to you the cost of coining the pieces.

Your letter of the sixteenth requests information as to the preparation of blank discs for the one and two-centavo pieces and the same has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia. An estimate will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1917.

Dr. George R. Cook,
607 Main Street,
Johnstown, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the eighteenth instant, and will say that gold bars are sold in quantities of $5,000. and over. The bars are sold in any desired size.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the Table of Charges at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1917.

Miss Almira L. Henkel,
Poynette,
Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of October seventeenth, in which you make inquiry in regard to the purchase by the Government of old silver, I beg to advise you that the Mint at Denver will receive deposits of silver bullion the value of which approximates $100.00. Payment is made by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States for value of the same, after deduction of treatment charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1917.

Mrs. Mollie Speth,
1007 Fifth Avenue,
Dayton, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

I am this day in receipt of a package containing silver mugs and old jewelry, and the same is returned under separate cover by registered mail for the reason that the Mints are not required to receive deposits of bullion which do not approximate $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1917.

A. Iselin and Company,
32 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, as soon as possible, 200,000 pesos - approximately 160,000 ounces of fine silver, - at eighty-three and seven-eighths cents (83-7/8¢) per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint, and subject to the usual charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1917.

Mr. Edward Brush,
Vice-President,
American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October sixteenth in relation to offers of silver made by your company on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week, and beg to say that I will be pleased if you will continue to quote prices on the days above specified as heretofore.

I want to thank you for your generous offer to assist us in refining Mexican pesos and to say that our refineries are now in a position to handle the situation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

Governor of Louisiana,
New Orleans, La.

October 19, 1917.

Mayor of New Orleans,
New Orleans, La.

Replying to your telegram thirteenth instant will be glad to have
is made at Philadelphia Mint from dies supplied to Mint. Regret that law
lines mint to manufacture of dies for medals of national character only.

D. F. Houston

Acting Secretary.

Cont. Ex. Treasury Department, Freight, telegrams, etc., 1918.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 19, 1917.

Mrs. Charles H. Bell,
Box 651,
Portland, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of inquiry of recent date I beg to say that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old gold and silver in quantities valued at $100. or over.

Payment for the same is made by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States for its value, after deducting treatment charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 19, 1917.

A. Iselin and Company,
32 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone message of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, one hundred thousand (100,000) pesos, - approximately eighty thousand (80,000) ounces of fine silver, - at eighty-three and three-eighths (83-3/8) cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint, subject to the usual charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 22, 1917.

Reno Evening Gazette,
Reno, Nevada.

Replying to wire have made no purchases of silver from Mexican Government and not negotiating to do so. Free to publish this telegram.

Ray Baker
Director of the Mint.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 22, 1917.

. Martin Behrman,
Mayor, New Orleans, La.

Regret that law will not permit the manufacture of dies
y Mint. Will be glad to have medals made there from your dies.

Director Mint.

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ERNMENT RATES.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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October 22, 1917.

The Bank of Taiwan,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 18th, I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint has been authorized to refund to you the charges paid upon purchase of $506,015.03 in gold bars, made September sixth by your representative, The Anglo and London Paris National Bank.

The bars were received by the Assayer in Charge at Seattle and are to be returned by him to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

The return of the charges will involve some adjustment of our accounts and will cause some delay in your receiving the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
October 22, 1917.

r. W. C. Ralstone,
President Julia Consolidated Mining Co.,
Virginia City, Nevada.

Your wire to President has been referred to me.

Every effort being made to assist silver producers.

Ray Baker

Director Mint.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 22, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your wire of the nineteenth instant offering copper for Denver at twenty-three and one-half (23½) cents per pound, F. O. B. your refinery Tacoma.

Will you please forward twenty (20) tons best electolytic copper to the Denver Mint at your earlies convenience.

Forma order herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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The Director of the Mint

erican Smelting and Refining Company, October 22, 7.
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

perintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

20 tons best electrolytic copper perlb .23½

Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1917.

Commissioner of the
General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding bill of the Salt Lake City Assay Office for assaying samples submitted by the Denver Field Division of the General Land Office.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated.

Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1918.....	$66.00
Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1918.....	22.50
Total.....	$88.50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1917.

Chief Forester,
United States Forestry Service,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Salt Lake City Assay Office for making assays of ores submitted by the Forester of District No. 4.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated.

Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1918	$5.75
Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1918	1.25
Total	$7.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1917.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,

Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau, as soon as possible, the rate at which you will furnish the following graphite goods for the Mint at San Francisco.

Please quote rates F. O. B. Mint at San Francisco and also point of shipment. Also please advise me the earliest date these goods can be shipped.

CRUCIBLES:	300 special	#80
	250	#100
COVERS:	100	#80
	100	#100
DIPPERS:	200	#2
	100	#3
	100	Special six inch.
RINGS:	4 inch for #80 crucible, 8-3/4 inch inside diameter.	

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1917.

Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co.,

Trenton, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau, as soon as possible, the rate at which you will furnish the following graphite goods for the Mint at San Francisco.

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CRUCIBLES:	300 special	#80
	250	#100
COVERS:	100	#80
	100	#100
DIPPERS:	200	#2
	100	#3
	100	Special 6 inch.
RINGS:	4 inch for #80 crucible, 8-3/4 inch inside diameter.	

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1917.

J. H. Gautier and Company,

Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau, as soon as possible, the rate at which you will furnish the following graphite goods for the Mint at San Francisco.

Please quote rates F. O. B. Mint at San Francisco and also point of shipment. Also please advise me the earliest date these goods can be shipped.

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	250 ..... #100
COVERS:	100 ..... #80
	100 ..... #100
DIPPERS:	200 ..... #2
	100 ..... #3
	100 ..... Special six inch.
RINGS:	4 inch for #80 crucible, 8-3/4 inch diameter inside.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1917.

Hon. G. H. Knibbs,
Commonwealth Statistician,
Bureau of Census and Statistics,
Melbourne, Australia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of September eighteenth, I beg to advise that the figures carried on the tables enclosed by you as to the quantity of gold produced in the United States, during the calendar years 1906 - 1915, are either correct or within two or three ounces of the figures officially estimated by this office.

A copy of the official estimate of production for the calendar year 1916, giving the quantity in ounces and value in dollars, is enclosed herewith.

May I suggest that the Sierre Leone production for 1914 and 1915 quoted by you from the Report of the United States Mint are doubtless repetitions of your Gold Coast figures. Credit for the production of West Africa was erroneously given in the Mint Report to Sierre Leone only.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 24, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer one hundred thousand ounces silver eighty-three-three-eighths cents delivered San Francisco Mint accepted.

Baker

Director.

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October 24, 1917.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Fletcher:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-second instant enclosing letter from Mr. R. G. Snow of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Responding to your request, I have taken pleasure in causing to be sent to Mr. Snow a copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a table showing coinage of the United States.

The Government does not issue a pamphlet covering the numismatic value of coins. If Mr. Snow desires to forward coin he describes to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, that officer will submit the piece to the Curator of the Mint, who will be glad to give Mr. Snow any information available as to the numismatic value of the piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1917.

Mr. J. C. Green,
462 Broad Street,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the twenty-second instant, I beg to advise you that the pamphlet sent you on October nineteenth contained the information you seek as to the number of grains of pure gold in the coins of our own country.

I regret that we have no publication at our disposal at present giving the composition of foreign coins. The pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is now in the hands of the printer and a copy will be sent to you as soon as it is received by us.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1917.

Paul Havener, Esq.,
Whitney-Central Building,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October seventeenth and trust that the following will give you the information desired.

		Gross grains	Fineness Thousandths	Pure silver grains
Honduras	peso	385.8	900.	347.22
Mexican	"	417.7905	902.7	377.1396
U. S.	$	412.5	900.	371.25

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1917.

G. H. Burkendorf, Esq.,
Dairy Department,
The University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the twentieth instant, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, and am enclosing herewith a table giving an estimate of the production of gold in the United States, by states, for the calendar year 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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October 24, 1917.

Mr. Leo P. Hynes,
144 East Clark Street,
Ilion, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I beg to advise you that shortly after the issue of the Buffalo nickels a slight change was made in the dies in order to bring the words "five cents" out more distinctly.

The difference you note in the coins of the dates mentioned by you is accounted for in this way. Both of these are of course genuine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1917.

Mr. E. C. Curtis,
114 Cook Avenue,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I beg to say that the United States five-cent nickel piece contains 75% copper and 25% nickel, and the silver ten-cent piece contains 900 parts of silver to 100 parts of copper.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1917.

Mr. Charles B. Conway,
2217 Eighth Street,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the eighteenth instant, I beg to state that the Mint at New Orleans is now being operated as an Assay Office.

The resumption of coinage at that institution is not contemplated by the Department at the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1917.

Mr. Ralph L. Watters,
Corydon Public Schools,
Corydon, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the seventeenth instant, I beg to state that the coin described by you is one of the Republic of Bolivia.

I am enclosing a copy of "Values of Foreign Coins", upon which you will find the value of the "Boliviano" in United States money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1917.

Mr. L. C. Mueller,
Box 446,
Marietta, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October nineteenth, I beg to state that the bullion value of the silver in a silver dollar is sixty-four (64) cents, at today's market price of silver, namely, eighty-three cents per ounce.

An ounce of silver will make one and twenty-nine hundredths (1.29) silver dollars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold Eagle Coinage, 1907.

To A. S. Abell Co.,
Editor, "Answers", The Sun,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 23d instant regarding the coinage of Eagles ($10. gold pieces), during the calendar year 1907, without the motto "In God we trust", I have to state that the following Eagle (Gold) pieces were coined during 1907:-

	Pieces.	Value.
St. Gaudens' design, high relief, sharp edge without motto,	500	$ 5,000
St. Gaudens' design, low relief, heavy milled edge, without motto,	238,906	2,389,060
Old design with motto,	2,444,473	24,444,730
Total Eagle coinage in 1907,	2,683,879	26,838,790

The motto was restored by Act of Congress, May 18, 1908.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1917.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,

Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of October twenty-third, requesting prices on crucibles, covers, dippers, and rings, for the Mint at San Francisco, I beg to advise you that this letter should have stated 200 four-inch rings for #80 crucibles, 8-3/4 inch inside diameter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1917.

J. H. Gautier and Company,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of October 23rd, requesting prices on crucibles, covers, dippers and rings, for the Mint at San Francisco, I beg to advise you that this letter should have stated 200 four-inch rings for #80 crucibles, 8-3/4 inch inside diameter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1917.

Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co.,

Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of October 23rd, requesting prices on crucibles, covers, dippers and rings, for the Mint at San Francisco, I beg to advise you that this letter should have stated 200 four-inch rings for #80 crucibles, 8-3/4 inch inside diameter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN: Washington,

October 26, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York, N. Y.

Would be pleased to receive further proffers of silver from you.

Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 26, 1917.

L. C. Pratt,
C/. Internal Revenue Collector,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Regret Government is not in market for platinum.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint.

Collect.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

Oct 26

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York

Accept your offer hundred thousand ounces silver, but desire it delivered Philadelphia Mint. Please quote price that point.

Baker,
Director.

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Contingent expy Director of Mint.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

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October 26, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

On October 22nd we requested to have sent to the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, twenty tons of electrolytic copper for coinage. The Superintendent of that Institution requires the copper at the earliest possible date, and I will greatly appreciate your hastening the delivery as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint,

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint, Denver, Colorado.

International Nickel Company October 26, 7

c/. Mr. Fred Hardesty, Riggs Building, Washington, D. C.

Superintendent U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

		Per lb.
Screened shot nickel for coinage	5 tons	$0.42½

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 27, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York, N. Y.

Accept your offer fifty thousand ounces silver at eighty-four decimal forty cents delivered Philadelphia Mint promptly.

Director.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 27, 1917.

. M. Brush,
American Smelting Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

San Francisco Mint advised on eighteenth instant
urchase twenty-five tons copper from American Smelting Refining Company.
ing Mint today to accept same from your Tacoma Refinery.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint

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October 27, 1917.

Mr. Ande Nowlan,
Editor, The Sotoyome Scimitar,
Healdsburg, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October twentieth, I beg to advise you that the amounts of gold coin and gold bullion held in the Treasury are as follows:

Gold coin - $ 677,579,796.16
Gold bullion - 1,678,277,296.14

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 27, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver to the Mint at Philadelphia promptly one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver at eighty-five (85) cents per ounce F. O. B. that Mint is accepted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 27, 1917.

United Metals Selling Co.,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, prompt shipment, fifty thousand (50,000) ounces silver at eighty-four and four-tenths (84-4/10) cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 27, 1917.

Mr. Fred Gates,
4806 Magazine Street,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October twenty-fourth relative to the payment due watchmen at the New Orleans Mint.

The amount of money necessary to meet this payment is being placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge who will advise you as soon as it becomes available to him.

I regret the delay that has been incident to the adjustment of the deficiency bill on account of the necessary detail involved in getting this amount on the books of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 27, 1917.

Memorandum for
Honorable Daniel C. Roper,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Replying to a memorandum of October twenty-fourth, enclosing a letter from Mr. Lee A. Ochs, relative to the supply of one-cent pieces, I beg to say the Mints are now being operated upon a twenty-four hours per day basis and every means possible is being used to meet the demand for small coins.

Director of the Mint.

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October 27, 1917.

Mr. Henry Lindemann,
247 East 72nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your name has been given to this Bureau as a possible candidate for the position of Assistant Medalist in the Mint at Philadelphia, and I am enclosing herewith an announcement of the examination, which is to take place November fifth, for your consideration and use if you desire to enter your name for the position.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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No. 142.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

ASSISTANT MEDALIST (MALE)
November 5, 1917.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for assistant medalist, for men only. A vacancy and future vacancies requiring similar qualifications in the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., at $1400. and $1600. a year, will be filled from this examination, unless it is found in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated on the following subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated:

Subjects.	Weights.
1. Physical condition	10
2. Training and experience	90
Total	100

Applicants must have had at least three years' training in a recognized school of art and sculpture, qualifying for minature sculpture work and illustrating allegorically special occasions or events in relief and intaglio.

Applicants must submit with their applications samples of work executed by them, with a statement under oath, taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes and under his official seal, in the following language: "I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the samples of work herewith submitted have been executed entirely by me."

Rigid tests of character and integrity will be applied, and only those satisfactorily meeting such tests will be eligible for appointment.

Statements as to training and experience are accepted subject to verification.

Applicants must not have reached their thirtieth birthday on the date of the examination.

This examination is open to all male citizens of the United States who meet the requirements.

Applicants should at once apply for form 1371, stating the title of the examination desired, to the Secretary of the Third Civil Service District, Post Office, Philadelphia, Pa. Applications should be properly executed, excluding the medical certificate, and must be filed with the District Secretary at Philadelphia, with the samples required, prior to the hour of closing business on November 5, 1917.

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October 27, 1917.

Mr. Edward C. Stokes,
President, The Mechanics National Bank,
Trenton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Stokes;

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 24th relative to a supply of one cent pieces. Extraordinary efforts are now being made to increase the output of small coins, and we hope, by operating the mints twenty-four hours a day, to overtake the present shortage within a few days.

I have brought your letter to the special attention of the Director of the Mint, and shall take pleasure in doing everything in my power to cause your demands for one-cent pieces to be fully met.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 29, 1917.

Voland and Sons,
New Rochelle,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October twenty-third offering to supply one set of analytical weights, 500 milligrams down to .5 milligrams; weights to be marked 1000 to 1, and to come within the requirements of Class A of the Bureau of Standards, for the sum of $25.00.

Your offer is hereby accepted and I will be obliged if you will transmit the weights to the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., at your earliest convenience. The weights when tested will be sent to the United States Assay Office at Seattle.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 29, 1917.

L. Vogelstein and Company,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October twenty-fifth, I beg to advise you that the account for copper for the Philippine Government was forwarded to the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, for payment.

I would suggest that you address that office for information as to the present status of the account.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 29, 1917.

Mr. Edward T. Gilroy,
23 Emery Street,
Attleboro, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the second ultimo, addressed to the United States Gold and Silver Mining or Assaying Department, was delivered to this Bureau, but the sample has not arrived and I am now returning the letter and enclosures.

In any event, this Bureau is not in position to establish and protect your rights.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 29, 1917.

Miss Maude Markham,
Northfield,
Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of October seventeenth, I beg to advise you that the Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins and has called no coins in.

The coins you describe are not held at a premium by coin collectors.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 29, 1917.

Mr. William F. Converse,
C/o Ramapo Foundry and Wheel Works,
23 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the twenty-third instant, I beg to advise you that the design on the reverse of the quarter-dollar is an eagle.

Respectfully,

F. Dunlap
acting

Director of the Mint.

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October 29, 1917.

United States Guaranty Co.,
111 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October twenty-third, I beg to state that John McNulty, formerly a helper in the United States Assay Office at New York, died on April 28, 1917.

Respectfully,

F. A. Rudolph
Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 29, 1917.

Mr. R. A. Clark,
Vici,
Oklahoma.

Desr Sir:

I am returning herewith the one-cent coin enclosed in your letter of the twenty-third instant, with the information that it is a United States coin of no particular numismatic value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 29, 1917.

Dr. F. Biesewki,
2436 North Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of package containing gold scrap and platinum, and the same is returned herewith for the reason that the Mints and Assay Offices are not required to receive gold for deposit, unless its approximate value is $100.00, and for the further reason that no allowance can be made to you for platinum.

Respectfully,

Acg Franklin

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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October 29, 1917.

Mr. Rollie W. Baker,
Flora,
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October twenty-seventh and package containing gold scrap, and the same is returned herewith for the reason that the Mints and Assay Offices are not required to receive gold for deposit unless it approximates $100. in value.

Respectfully,

Roy Tomlinson

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 29, 1917.

Mr. O. P. Stovall,
109 E. Lafayette Street,
Jackson, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-sixth instant, and in reply will say that I am forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year nineteen sixteen, and have placed your name on file for future copies.

Respectfully,

F. E. Chapman
Actg Director of the Mint.

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October 29, 1917.

Mrs. K. S. G. Lehman,
3342 Southport Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, I beg to advise you that this Department does not keep a list of the prices of stocks of any mining companies.

For information relative to the legal aspect of the question you present, I would suggest that you confer with an attorney.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 30, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer one hundred thousand ounces silver ninety-three-one-eighth cents delivered Philadelphia accepted.

Baker,

Director.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Mint Bureau - 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2121

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October 30, 1917.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for one-half of the common expenses of that office and the Internal Revenue Office occupying the same building, for the first quarter of the fiscal year 1918.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the Appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1918", in the sum of $14.77.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By F. H. Chalfin

Acting Director.

Enclosure

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October 30, 1917.

J. H. Gautier and Company,

Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith order for crucibles to be shipped to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, as covered by your proposal of October twenty-fifth.

In your letter you state that the complete shipment of the order can be accomplished in 30 days. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco advises this office that he can wait on these crucibles 30 days, but must have them at that time.

You will observe that your bid is accepted delivery F. O. B. United States Mint San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. J. Griffin

Acting Director.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

H. Cantier and Company, October 29, 7

Jersey City, N. J.

xxxxxxShipment thirty xxx days.

ed States Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

300 Specification No. 80 Graphite crucibles	300	ea.	11.20	3360 00
250 No. 100 (S. F. type) Crucibles	250	"	14.00	3500 00
100 No. 80 Covers to.suit.spec.80 crucible	100	"	2.00	200 00
100 No. 100 Covers	100	"	2.50	250 00
200 No. 2 Dippers	200	"	.75	150 00
100 No. 3 "	100	"	1.00	100 00
100 Special Six In. Dippers	100	"	1.00	100 00
200 Rings 4 in. deep to suit Spec. No. 80 crucible	200	"	1.80	360. 00
Freight				360 00

Delivery F.O.B.U. S. Mint, San Francisco

$8380 00

F. E. Drapper

Actg Director of the Mint

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October 30, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In confirmation of telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, within ten days, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver at ninety-four cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

October 30, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver at ninety-three and one-eighth (93-1/8) cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. D. Griffin
Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 30, 1917.

United Metals Selling Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer fifty thousand ounces silver at ninety-two decimal eighty delivered Philadelphia accepted.

Baker

Director.

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BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
EASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Mint Bureau - 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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October 30, 1917.

A. Iselin and Company,
32 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, two hundred thousand (200,000) pesos, or approximately one hundred and fifty-six thousand (156,000) ounces of silver, at ninety-one (91.85) and eighty-five hundredths cents per ounce, F.O.B. that Mint, less the usual charges.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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October 30, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, prompt shipment, fifty thousand (50,000) ounces of silver at ninety-two and eight-tenths (92-8/10) cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1917.

Mrs. George W. Broyles,
French Canal,
Nevada County,
California.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the twenty-second instant, I beg to say that none of the dimes of the United States bear the letter "R".

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey
Act Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1917.

W. M. Dorsey, Esq.,
C/o Dorsey and Cole,
635 F Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the sixth of October, enclosing a copy of patent number 956871 to Ainsworth, Putnam and Edstrom, which has been assigned to you as trustee for the inventors, I beg to state that inquiry was instituted at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of that institution reports that on looking over the records he found that the Mint built and operated in 1907 a device for the work of shaving and reducing the weight of coin blanks, which involved the same process as the one referred to in your letter and circular of Ainsworth, Putnam and Edstrom, claiming patent rights 1910.

The Superintendent further states that the date of the application for this patent was February 25, 1908, the same being granted in 1910. This would show that the idea was conceived and put in operation at the Philadelphia and Denver Mints at least a year in advance of the date the Ainsworth application was filed.

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original plan of construction of the first attachment the Mint was improved and a design originating in the ver Mint was adopted and operated in the Mints at San ncisco and Philadelphia.

Regarding your request for the privilege of ex- ning the attachment used at the Mint in Philadelphia, re is no objection to your doing so.

I am returning the circular of Ainsworth, Put- and Edstrom.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

nclosure

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November 1, 1917.

Mr. Leroy L. Hunter,
1165 East 61st Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-eighth ultimo relative to fractional coins.

An Act of Congress would be required to issue coins of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, within two weeks or less, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver at ninety-two and three-quarters (92-3/4) cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at San Francisco, immediate shipment, one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) ounces of silver at ninety-three and three-eighths (93-3/8) cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1917.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence in regard to the preparation of blank discs for the one and two centavo pieces for the Government of Peru, I beg to say that the cost would be as follows:-

2-centavo	(95% copper (3% tin (2% zinc	) Weight 10 grams, $2.80 per M blanks.
1-centavo	(95% copper (3% tin (2% zinc	) Weight 5 grams, $1.70 per M blanks.

These rates do not include the cost of the metal which would have to be furnished to the Mint.

The cost of kegs or boxes would also be extra.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1917.

Mr. T. M. Beverly,
Route 3, Box 127,
Dallas, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th ultimo, you are advised that the Government has never minted a dollar square in shape.

Several thousand dollars worth of nickels without the word "cents" were placed in circulation in 1883, but I am unable to advise you where to obtain such pieces. They are not held at a premium by coin collectors.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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COLLECT.

Washington,

November 2, 1917.

Mr. L. R. Dougherty,
Glenside,
Pennsylvania.

Age limited fixed by Civil Service Commission must be adhered to.

Baker

Director.

RATES.
DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR .....

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 2, 1917.

Mr. Robert E. Corradini,
928 College Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the thirty-first ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and by him referred to this Bureau.

In reply will state that the twenty-five cent piece described by you is genuine. A slight modification of the first die was authorized by Congress and this accounts for difference you note in the pieces. The coin with three starts under the eagle is made from the die now exclusively in use.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 2, 1917.

J. Lawrence Loughlin, Esq.,
Colonial Club,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Loughlin:

Responding to your note of the thirty-first ultimo, I take pleasure in stating that we estimate the World's of gold for 1916 to be valued at $457,006,045.

Respectfully,

R. Baltzly

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1917.

Brown Instrument Company,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am sending you by express one of our couples and would ask you to test its accuracy.

If it is not accurate, please submit an estimate of the cost of putting it in shape. If it has not deteriorated, please enclose it in a new tube and return with an extra tube and submit bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FTD.

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November 2, 1917.

Mr. William D. McElroy,
Secretary, Bowling Green Trust Co.,
Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the thirty-first ultimo, I beg to state that the Department does not issue a list of the values of rare coins.

I regret that I am unable to advise you what coin collectors would pay for the $4.00 gold piece you have.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
Central Avenue and Fawn Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation of this morning accepting offer of twenty-five tons of cathode copper for the San Francisco Mint.

It is understood that the copper is to be sheared into plates measuring 2½ inches to 3 inches wide, by 11½ inches in length, and that the plates will be 5/16 of an inch thick; the copper to be supplied at the rate of 24¼ cents per pound, F. O. B. Baltimore.

I am enclosing Government bill of lading and blank form of voucher to be used in connection with this shipment.

Respectfully,

R. W. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

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The Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint San Francisco, 1918.

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Central Ave. and Fawn Street, Baltimore, Md.

ed States Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Cathode copper	25 tons	lb	24¼¢

(Cathodes to be 5/16 of an inch thick and to measure 2½ or 3 inches wide by 11½ inches in length)

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 2, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Accept your offer one hundred thousand ounces silver delivered Denver Mint ninety-one and half cents.

Director.

BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Mint Bureau - 1918.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 2, 1917.

H. M. Brush
Secretary Copper Committee
Care American Smelting Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York.

Copper ordered for Denver October eleventh not yet delivered.

nver Mint stock practically exhausted. Nondelivery of copper causing

rious embarrassment. Can you hasten delivery.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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VERNMENT RATES.
E TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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November 1, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) ounces of silver at ninety-three (93) cents per ounce, - prompt shipment, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telegram of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Denver, immediate shipment, one hundred thousand ounces of silver at ninety-one and one-half cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over telephone this day and to accept from you one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver and fifty thousand ounces of Mexican pesos at ninety-one and three-quarters cents per ounce, F. O. B. Mint Philadelphia. The fifty thousand Mexican pesos to be subject to the usual melting and refining charge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of November first, confirming purchase of one hundred thousand ounces of silver at ninety-two and three-quarters cents per ounce, F. O. B. Philadelphia, I beg to say that the amount stated in that letter should read one hundred and fifty thousand ounces instead of one hundred thousand ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 5, 1917.

Dear Dr. Brisbane:

Your letter of the 31st of October, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to procuring a supply of one-cent pieces for Abraham & Straus, of Brooklyn, has been referred by the Secretary to me for attention.

If you will request Abraham & Straus to make application to the Treasurer of the United States for the amount of coin desired, and have copy of their letter sent to me, I will be glad to follow the matter up personally, and cause the shipment to be expedited.

Trusting you have entirely recovered from your recent illness, and assuring you that I shall take pleasure in serving you in any way in my power, I am

Respectfully,

Ray Baxley

Director of the Mint.

Dr. Arthur Brisbane,
Washington, D. C.

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November 5, 1917.

Mackall Brothers,
823 H Street, N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed herewith your voucher for nitric acid furnished the laboratory of the Mint Bureau on October 19, 1917.

There is an apparent error in the unit price charged, the contract calling for 13¢ per pound on this item.

With corrected bill please return the enclosed.

Respectfully,

F. A. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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November 5, 1917.

Chief Clerk,

Navy Department.

Sir:

Referring to letter of October thirtieth, signed by Acting Secretary L. S. Rowe, I beg to enclose herewith copy of letter from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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November 5, 1917.

Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Voland and Sons, New Rochelle, New York, transmitted to you under date of November third, one set of weights, 500 milligrams down to .5 milligrams makred 1000 to 1, to come within Bureau of Standards Class "A".

Will you please receive and test these weights and advise this Bureau upon completion of the work?

The weights are intended for the United States Assay Office at Seattle.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1917.

Dorsey and Cole,
635 F Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 3rd, relative to the device used at the Philadelphia Mint similar to the Ainsworth, Putnam and Edstrom patent 956,871, I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to receive your Mr. Dorsey and give him what information he desires relative to the claim of your client.

Respectfully,

R. O. Baltz

Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1917.

Honorable Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 30th, in the matter of the manufacture of ten and twenty centavo pieces, I beg to state that an estimate covering the manufacture of these pieces will be forwarded to you within a few days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1917.

A. Iselin and Company,
32 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm purchase of one million and two thousand (1,002,000) pesos, approximating seven hundred and eighty thousand (780,000) ounces of silver, from your Mr. Osterheld on this day at the price of .8790, delivered as follows:

500,000 pesos, approximating 390,000 ounces of silver, delivered to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.
200,000 pesos, approximating 156,000 ounces of silver, delivered to the U. S. Mint at Denver.
302,000 pesos, approximating 235,000 ounces of silver, delivered to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

All of the above pesos being subject to the usual charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JAR

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November 6, 1917.

Edward Thompson Company,
Northport, Long Island,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am forwarding acceptance of your special offer for the Second Edition of "Federal Statutes Annotated", and refer to your letter of September 28, 1916, copy enclosed.

There is also forwarded a voucher for the additional amount to be paid on this contract, for your signature and return.

Upon receipt of the returned voucher form and of the volumes of the Second Edition now ready for delivery, check will be mailed you for the amount due on the contract.

Respectfully,

Adv. Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 6, 1917.

Honorable Bert M. Fernald,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Fernald:

In response to your request of the third instant, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, and have placed your name on the mailing list for a copy of the forthcoming report, which will be issued in about a month.

Respectfully,

F. E. Chaffin
Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 6, 1917.

Miss Mabelle E. Willis,
9 - 15 Murray Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the fifth instant and in reply will say that the proper term for the bronze coin in the United States is "one cent".

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 7, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer silver this day respectfully declined.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

FHC

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau - 1918
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November 7, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This office will receive bids on the following metals for the Mint at San Francisco until two o'clock Friday, November ninth; and you are invited to bid.

3,200 pounds of tin.
3,300 pounds of zinc.

Please include in your bid the cost of delivery to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. A. Chalfin
Acting Director.

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November 7, 1917.

Nathan Trotter and Company,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

This office will receive bids on the following metals for the Mint at San Francisco until two o'clock Friday, November ninth; and you are invited to bid.

5,000 pounds of tin.
5,000 pounds of zinc.

Please include in your bid the cost of delivery to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

L. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

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November 7, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
Box 1002,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen,

This office will receive bids on the following metals for the Mint at San Francisco until two o'clock Friday, November ninth, and you are invited to bid.

2,200 pounds of tin.
2,500 pounds of zinc.

Please include in your bid the cost of delivery to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. O. Bailey,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

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November 7, 1917.

Dallas Boudeman, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
108 West South Street,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the fifth instant, I beg to state that $1,000.00 in gold coin weighs 3.68 pounds avoirdupois. A cubic foot of gold weighs 1,208.5 pounds.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. E. Crapsin
Acting Director.

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November 7, 1917.

Mr. John J. Sherwin,
Bellevue,
Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the twenty-fifth ultimo, I beg to advise you that $1,000.00 in United States gold coin weighs 3.68 pounds avoirdupois.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. E. Scheffin

Acting Director.

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November 7, 1917.

Mr. Percy Spencer,
132 West Avenue 52,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of the thirtieth of October, I beg to advise you that the designs of the ten and twenty dollar gold pieces were changed in 1907 and that of the five dollar gold piece in 1908. The one-cent piece was changed in 1909, the nickel in 1911; the dime, quarter and half-dollar in 1916.

The law provides that no change shall be made in the designs of coins oftener than once in twenty-five years. It does not require that they shall be changed every twenty-five years.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the Coinage Laws of the United States.

Respectfully,
R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By [signature]
Acting Director.

Enclosure

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November 7, 1917.

Mr. L. K. Aldersley,
147 Union Street,
Napa, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the thirty-first of October relative to the Civil Service examination has been referred to this Bureau, and I would suggest that you apply to the District Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, San Francisco, for a list of examinations to be given and other information pertaining to appointment to Civil Service.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. D. Chaffin
Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 7, 1917.

Mr. Alvan B. Goodbar,
933 Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the thirty-first ultimo.

In reply will say that I am having forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, and your name has been placed on the list for the report of this year. I am also forwarding a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the World", which is the only available data of this office bearing on the subject referred to.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By F. D. Craffin
Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 8, 1917.

Rev. L. I. McDougle,
Perryville,
Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the fifth instant, I beg to advise you that more than 23,000,000 one-cent pieces bearing the initials of the engraver are in circulation. They have no value above the face value of the piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 9, 1917.

Mr. Challen R. Parker,
Anglo London Paris National Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Wiring San Francisco Mint to make special efforts to meet your demands for cent pieces.

R. B. Baker
Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Mint Bureau - 1918.

2—6627 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 9, 1917.

Library Association,
Portland,
Oregon.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your card of November second, I regret to advise you that the edition of the pamphlet entitled "Mint Processes of the United States" is entirely exhausted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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The Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Clendenin Brothers, P. O. Box 1002, November 9 7

Baltimore, Md.

U. S. Mint, SanFrancisco.

	lb.
Electrolytic copper	100,000 lb..23½¢

Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1917.

Mr. J. M. Swanson,
22 Camp Street,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the eighth instant relative to the position of Assistant Medalist in the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to advise you that an appointment to this position is subject to Civil Service examination. An eligible list is in existence from which a selection will have to be made when the position is filled.

Should similar examinations for the position of the kind be given in the future, I will take pleasure in advising you in ample time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
P. O. Box 1002,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November eighth stating that one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds of electrolytic copper from Tacoma to San Francisco should go forward this week. Please accept my thanks for your prompt attention to this request.

I am enclosing herewith a formal order, a copy of which has been sent to San Francisco. There is also enclosed a voucher upon which you are requested to render to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco an account for this copper.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 9, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,

New York, N. Y.

Your offer silver this day respectfully declined.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Mint Bureau - 1918.
2—6327 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
November 10, 1917.

C O L L E C T

Handy and Hanman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Will accept twenty-five thousand ounces fine silver for Philadelphia if Mexican pesos not available.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
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November 10, 1917.

G. Amsinck and Company,
P. O. Box 242,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 3rd, requesting that you existing order for 2,500,000 five centavo nickel pieces be increased by another order for 2,500,000 of the same five centavo nickel pieces, I beg to state that the cost of manufacture of these pieces would be as follows:

Cost of Manufacture, $4.00 per 1000 pieces.
Alloy, 75% copper, 25% nickel.
Tolerance, 2 grains.
Diameter, 23 m.m.
Weight 5 grams.
Metal, to be supplied by the Government of Salvador to the Mint.

The above price includes the cost of working dies.

This coinage cannot be undertaken until the first part of the coming calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 10, 1917.

Honorable Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October thirtieth, I beg to submit the following estimate for the manufacture of 2,500,000 twenty centavo nickel pieces and 3,000,000 ten centavo nickel pieces for the Government of Peru:

20 Centavos	$6.50 per 1000 pieces
10 Centavos	$5.50 " 1000 "

These prices include the cost of working dies. The cost of the metal will be extra and would have to be supplied by you to the Mint.

It is understood that the tolerance for the 20 centavo pieces shall be 10 milligrams and 15 milligrams for the 10 centavo pieces; and that the alloy is to be 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1917.

Hon. Augustine Lonergan, M. P.,
Hartford, Connecticut.

My dear Congressman:

Your telegram of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has by him been referred to me for reply.

As you are aware, several bills have recently been introduced in Congress proposing the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. On August 17th a bill proposing the coinage of a six cent piece was introduced and referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

I will be glad to confer with you personally, when opportunity presents itself, regarding the advisability of increasing our coinage by the introduction of a new minor coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 10, 1917.

Mr. F. B. Rice,
10 High Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the fifth instant addressed to Mr. Frederic H. Curtiss of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, has been forwarded by Honorable Charles Hamlin of the Federal Reserve Board to this Bureau.

Replying I beg to state that an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Your letter will be placed on file and referred to with pleasure if legislation bearing on this matter is undertaken.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 10, 1917.

Mr. Frank R. Haws,
South Zanesville,
Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the third instant, addressed to the President, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Your suggestion that a "World War Souvenir" be issued has been read with interest. I beg to advise you, however, that an Act of Congress would be required to carry out this plan.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1917.

Mr. J. A. Robertson,
C/o Stallforth and Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the ninth instant on the silver situation, and wish to thank you sincerely for the great amount of interesting matter it contains.

I have read it with pleasure and will no doubt have occasion to refer to it again.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1917.

Miss Florence Etheridge,
408 A. F. of L. Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, I beg to say that I appreciate your interest in the employees of the Mint at Philadelphia who are working overtime, and to advise you that this office endeavors at all times to work in hearty co-operation with the Superintendent of that institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 9, 1917.

Mr. George W. Linn,
335 South High Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your interesting letter of November third, relative to the substitution of stamps for small coins.

As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required to permit the issue of stamps in lieu of money.

I will refer to your letter with pleasure should an opportunity be presented to me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1917.

Edward T. Newell, Esq.,
President, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Bet. 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 5th relative to the position of engraver in the mint at Philadelphia, about which you state you have learned through Dr. George F. Kunz.

The position of engraver in the Philadelphia Mint was filled sometime since. A recent Civil Service examination has been given for the position of Assistant Medalist, and appointment to that position will have to be made as a result of that examination from the list established.

I regret that we were not advised of Mr. Swanson's candidacy in time to advise him of the examination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1917.

Mr. Jess C. Johnson,
Bunnell,
Florida.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the sixth instant, you are advised that the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States purchase gold and silver in the form of bullion. Gold is purchased at the rate of $20.67 an ounce for the fine gold contained.

Charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes and payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The price of silver varies from day to day. Today's market rate is about eighty-nine cents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the ninth instant relative to purchase of tin and zinc for the Mint at San Francisco and to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
P. O. Box 1002,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your offer of tin and zinc for the Mint at San Francisco, and to thank you for your letter of the ninth instant relative to the matter of making request for bids.

Pacific Coast dealers were able to supply these metals to the Mint at San Francisco at a lower rate than the tin and zinc could be purchased in the East.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1917.

F. C. Wolcott, Esq.,
United States Food Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of November seventh, addressed to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been returned by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to this office.

I beg to thank you for your tender of the French communal paper money, and regret that we have no appropriation from which to purchase this collection. The numismatic collection of the Mint at Philadelphia is confined to coins..

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 12, 1917.

Mr. Thomas Gay,
701 North Fifth St.,
Hopewell, Va.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the eighth instant, I beg to say that the Lincoln penny was issued in 1909.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 12, 1917.

Chief Clerk and
Purchasing Agent,
Interstate Commerce Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the tenth instant, I have to advise that although your order for the medal in question was given during the fiscal year 1917, our expense for manufacture was incurred in the fiscal year 1918 and our 1918 appropriations charged therewith; consequently our request for reimbursement of 1918 appropriations was correct. Our original request of August fourteenth is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 12, 1917.

G. L. Ghegan, Esq.,
Assistant Cashier,
National Bank of Commerce,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the tenth instant, I beg to state that the Congress has not authorized the coinage of a three-cent piece and the Department has not under contemplation the issue of a coin of that denomination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 12, 1917.

Mars Lewis, Esq.,
Assistant Cashier,
Virginia National Bank,
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the tenth instant, I beg to state that a slight alteration was made in the dies of the quarter dollar after the new design was first issued.

Both types described by you are genuine. The coinsbearing the three stars under the eagle are made from the dies now in use to the exclusion of all others.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint at Denver.

Glendenin Brothers

November 12, 1917

P. O. Box 1002, Baltimore, Md.

U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

		Per lb.
Electrolytic ingot copper	40 tons	$0.23½

Director of the Mint.

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November 12, 1917.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am again burdening my letter to you with a request for your assistance in the matter of some of the work of the Bureau. Some months ago you were good enough to receive Mr. Carpenter of this Bureau and give him substantial assistance in accomplishing work assigned to him. Mr. Carpenter has left the Bureau, and Mr. Frantz has taken up the work of the production report.

If it is entirely convenient will you see Mr. Frantz with a view to affording him an opportunity to clear up some difficulties we are encountering. I am so sure of your willingness to assist me that I ask this kindness without hesitation.

If you can arrange to see Mr. Frantz I will send him to New York at any time that you name.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. George E. Roberts,
Assistant to the President,
National City Bank,
New York City.

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November 12, 1917.

Mr. J. A. Nelson,
Assistant Cashier,
Farmers Savings Bank,
Wallingford, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the sixth instant, I beg to thank you for your courteous offer to collect one-cent pieces and ship them to this office.

The recent shortage of one-cent pieces is now being overtaken by the Mints and this Department hopes to have an ample supply of small coins in the sub-treasuries and banks within a few days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 13, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,

New York, N. Y.

Your offer silver this day respectfully declined.

Baker

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Mint Bureau - 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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November 13, 1917.

American Oil and Supply Company,
52 - 56 Lafayette Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of November twelfth, enclosing an account amounting to $22.50, and regret that I am obliged to again return the same to you with the request that you mail the same to Mr. Verne M. Bovie, Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York City, the officer who made the purchase.

This Bureau cannot make payment for purchases made by our field offices.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

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November 13, 1917.

Parmelee and Company,
32 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November twelfth, addressed to the former Director, Honorable R. W. Woolley, in regard to negotiations with the Honduran Government for a supply of new silver coinage.

This Department will be glad to undertake the coinage for the Honduran Government, but the request would have to come through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the Honduran Government at this Capital.

It is noted that you state you understand the basis used in our coinage is 50% fine. Our gold and silver coins are 900 parts pure metal. Before making an estimate on the cost of this coinage, it would be necessary for us to have definite information as to the weight and fineness of the coins. The metal would have to be supplied to the Mint by the Honduran Government.

The cost of the dies would be approximately $400. for each coin. The coinage could not be undertaken earlier than March or April of next year, as orders now pending for foreign governments are quite heavy. With more detailed information as to the quality and total amount of coins desired we will be glad to give you all of the information we can.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 13, 1917.

G. Amsinck and Company,
P. O. Box 242,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of November tenth stating that you have received no reply to your inquiry of November third regarding the cost of manufacturing 2½ million five-centavo pieces for the Government of Salvador.

If you will kindly refer to your files, you will probably find that under date of November tenth this Bureau replied in full to your inquiry.

I regret that we have no specimens of this coin from a former shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 13, 1917.

Mr. W. H. Moralez,
Secretary,
Banco Nacional De Cuba,
Havana, Cuba.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November sixth, addressed to the "Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.," has been referred by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to this Bureau.

The annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917 is now in the hands of the printer, and I will take pleasure in causing several copies to be sent to you as soon as they are available. In the meantime, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the report for the fiscal year 1916, the last issue.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 14, 1917.

Miss Mary Oakley,
424 North Pinckney St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, relative to old silverware and jewelry you wish to dispose of for the benefit of the French Orphan Fund, I beg to advise you that if you will forward the material, express prepaid, to the United States Assay Office, Pine Street, New York, the value of the metals will be remitted to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States. A small charge for fitting this material for coinage purposes would be imposed. This charge is barely sufficient to cover the cost of materials used in treating the metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 14, 1917.

Brown Instrument Company,
Wayne and Windrim Avenues,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am forwarding form of voucher for repairing one thermo-couple for this office.

Please certify at the place indicated by cross in the margin and return to this office, and check will be mailed to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 14, 1917.

Amsinck and Company,
P. O. Box 242,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November thirteenth relative to the manufacture of 5 centavo nickel pieces for Salvador, I beg to state that it would be impracticable for us to supply the metal for the coinage desired. Should this coinage be undertaken it would be necessary to have the metal delivered to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

For information relative to the export of coin I would respectfully refer you to the Federal Reserve Board, that body having jurisdiction over exports and imports in relation to the embargo.

We are not able to give you any promise that this coinage can be undertaken before the coming year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1917.

Mrs. Josephine Baird,
4420 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise you that the positions in the Mint are subject to Civil Service examination.

I regret to say that your eligibility for reinstatement expired at the close of one year after resignation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 15, 1917.

The Chief of Ordnance,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November fourteenth, stating that you wish to be advised if the Philadelphia Mint could refine and re-roll for your Department approximately fifteen thousand (15,000) troy ounces of silver scrap, I beg to advise you that this work can be done at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of that institution has today been instructed to receive the material from the Rock Island Arsenal. A copy of the correspondence has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 15, 1917.

Mr. H. C. Brown,
P. O. Box 375,
Natrona, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the thirteenth instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau.

If you will apply to the Treasurer of the United States, that officer will cause to be sent to you the one-cent pieces you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1917.

Colonel Charles Keller,
1854 Kalorama Road,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November thirteenth, I beg to advise you that old silverware, in quantities approximating $100.00, will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York City, and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1917.

The Wm. Gent Vending Machine Co.,
830 East 93rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November fifteenth, relative to coins of new denominations, I beg to advise you that no action can be taken by the Department. As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required to authorize us to issue a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 15, 1917.

Mrs. T. M. Dillingham,
Westover Farm,
Marlboro, N. H.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant stating that you had about twenty pounds of silver table furnishings that you would like to dispose of, I beg to say if you will forward this material, express prepaid, to the United States Assay Office, New York City, payment for the same will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting this material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 15, 1917.

Mr. P. M. Barrows,
214 C Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the fourteenth instant, I beg to advise you that old jewelry, watch cases, and so forth, will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York City, in quantities approximating $100.00 in value, paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

It will be necessary for you to prepay the charges on any package sent.

There is no office connected with the Government in Washington where such material would be received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 15, 1917.

Mr. Hugh McCroudhon,
C/o J. H. Hale,
Cold Springs, Tex.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the eleventh instant, I beg to advise you that the piece described by you is what is known as a coin of private issue.

I am not able to advise you of its value numismatically.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 15, 1917.

Mr. Bert Watson,
Reeds Spring,
Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, I beg to advise you that there is no instrument known to science which will discover buried treasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
P. O. Box 1002,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter which you are free to file with the telephone company in Baltimore, in order to obtain Government Preference Service on long distance calls, in connection with Government business transacted by you for this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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November 16, 1917.

Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.,

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Clendenin Brothers of Baltimore have frequent occasion to utilize the long distance telephone on Government business, and I will greatly appreciate it if you will give them the benefit of the Government Preference Service in connection with the work of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1917.

Honorable Kenneth McKellar,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McKellar;

Your letter of the fourteenth instant, addressed to Honorable John Burke, Treasurer of the United States, enclosing a letter from the Union National Bank of Knoxville, Tennessee, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to state that every effort is now being made to overtake the shortage in minor coins. The Mints are being operated twenty-four hours a day, including Sundays. We expect within a short time to have an ample stock to meet the unusual demands for these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1917.

Honorable Howard Sutherland,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Sutherland:

Your letter of the fourteenth instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from the Kanawha Valley Bank, Charleston, W. Va., has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to state that every effort is now being made to overtake the shortage in minor coins. The Mints are being operated twenty-four hours a day, including Sundays. We expect within a short time to have an ample stock to meet the unusual demands for these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1917.

Consul,
Consulado de Cuba,
608 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the twelfth instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and by him forwarded to this Bureau, I have taken pleasure in sending to you under separate cover the following documents.

Fiscal Report for 1916.
Coinage Laws and Supplement.
Assay Commission 1917.
Monetary Systems 1916.
Value of Foreign Coins - Oct. 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 16, 1917.

Honorable A. B. Littlepage,
Charleston,
West Virginia.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of the thirteenth instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from the Kanawha Valley National Bank, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to state that every effort is now being made to overtake the shortage in minor coins. The Mints are being operated twenty-four hours a day, including Sundays. We expect within a short time to have an ample stock to meet the unusual demands for these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 16, 1917.

Honorable Ollie M. James,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator James;

Your letter of the thirteenth instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from the Henderson National Bank, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to state that every effort is now being made to overtake the shortage in minor coins. The Mints are being operated twenty-four hours a day, including Sundays. We expect within a short time to have an ample stock to meet the unusual demands for these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 16, 1917.

Honorable Warren G. Harding,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Harding:

Your letter of the fourteenth instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this office for attention.

Replying I beg to state that every effort is now being made to overtake the shortage in minor coins. The Mints are being operated twenty-four hours a day, including Sundays. We expect within a short time to have an ample stock to meet the unusual demands for these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 16, 1917.

Mr. B. J. Coleman,
Herrington,
Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twelfth, suggesting design for a new coin to be sold at a premium to raise money, I beg to advise you that the issue of such a piece would require an Act of Congress.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 16, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,

New York, N. Y.

Your offer silver this date respectfully declined.

Baker

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau 1918
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
1-4017

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 19, 1917.

Nichols Copper Company,
Laurel Hill,
Borough of Queens,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to advise you that all proof gold used in the Mint Service is now made at the Philadelphia Mint, where the Assayer has had long experience and is provided with every facility for doing the work. When a new lot of proof is finished it is compared by an exhaustive series of assays with the standard metal, which was prepared with the utmost care, before it is accepted.

Respectfully,

F. D. Roosevelt

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 19, 1917.

Bausch and Lomb Optical Co.,

Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher for rubber tubing furnished the laboratory of the Office of the Director of the Mint.

Please certify at the place indicated with a cross in the margin and return to this office.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 19, 1917.

Miss Emily J. Moore,
Deep River,
Connecticut.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry of the fifteenth instant.

Replying will say that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive silver bullion approximating $100. in value, and payment for the same is made by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for treating the material for coinage have been deducted. The price of silver changes daily, the same being approximately 85¢ per ounce today.

The United States Government does not pay any premium on old coins, and so forth.

Respectfully,

F. A. Ringpfeffer

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 19, 1917.

Honorable R. C. McCulloch,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of the fifteenth instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing letter from the Cashier of the George D. Harter Bank of Canton, Ohio, relative to the shortage of minor coins, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to state that every effort is now being made to overtake the shortage in these coins. The Mints are being operated twenty-four hours daily, including Sundays. We expect within a short time to have an ample stock to meet the unusual demands for minor coins.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scott

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Governor Emmet Boyle
xxxx

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington, November 21, 1917.

Senator Pittman, Reno, Nevada.

In answer to most inquiries I am telegraphing as follows:- "I cannot understand the apprehension which seems to have arisen in portions of the west concerning silver. Stop. Although authority exists for prohibiting the export of gold and silver coin, bullion and currency as well as of most other commodities licenses for the export of silver have been freely granted and no change of policy in this respect is in contemplation or under discussion. Stop. Consequently there has been no substantial change in the conditions which have existed right along namely that the United States buys the silver it needs for its requirements like any other purchaser." To you I want to add my assurance that there is nothing now in contemplation nor under discussion which would be injurious to silver producers. Stop. In view of interest which seems to have been aroused I suggest that a small committee of substantial men among silver producers come here immediately to discuss means whereby the unprecedented demand for silver can be adequately met at the present time. Advise you name committee. Wire me what you think of this. Have wired Boyle, Rives and Newlands.

Ray Baker

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—6827

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, November 21, 1917.

Senator Francis G. Newlands,
Reno, Nevada.

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Ray Baker
Director of the Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
3—6527
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2133.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 21, 1917.

Honorable Atlee Pomerene,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Pomerene:

Your letter of the seventeenth instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing four letters from banking institutions in Ohio relative to the shortage of minor coins, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to state that every effort is now being made to overtake this shortage, and the Mints are being operated twenty-four hours a day, including Sundays. We expect within a short time to have an ample stock of these coins to meet the unusual demands for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

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November 21, 1917.

Honorable Guy E. Campbell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the issue of coins of the denomination of 2½ and ½ cents, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the manufacture of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 21, 1917.

Assistant Treasurer of the U. S.,
United States Sub-Treasury,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November nineteenth, relative to requirements made by the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver for the return of coin bags.

The Superintendent at Denver has this day been instructed that he is not to require the return of coin bags used in shipments to you or to banks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 21, 1917.

Mr. G. A. Farmer,
St. James's Club,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your letter of November nineteenth, I would respectfully suggest that you consult any available encyclopedia.

I regret that the Government has no particular document covering this subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 21, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
P. O. Box 1002,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of November twentieth, advising that a shipment of copper had been made on November seventeenth to the Mint at Denver.

It is understood that you will forward the bill of lading and account for this copper to the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver. This office is today advising the Superintendent of the date of this shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 21, 1917.

Bloom Brothers,
66 Beaver Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging your letter of the twentieth instant, I beg to say that the Mint at Philadelphia will be able to undertake coinage for foreign governments not earlier than the first months of the coming calendar year. We will be glad to undertake this coinage after the usual formalities, with which you are familiar.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 21, 1917.

William Gent Vending Machine Co.,
East 93rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the fifteenth instant, I beg to advise you that the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, House of Representatives, would be the one which would consider the issue of new denominations of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 21, 1917.

General Frank McIntyre, U. S. A.,
Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, giving an estimate on the cost of equipping an electrolytic refinery for a Mint in Manila; also, a copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia giving an estimate of the approximate cost of mint machinery that will be required to equip a plant with the capacity for an annual output of 5,000,000 pieces of 50 centavos, 5,000,000 pieces of 5 centavos, and 10,000,000 pieces of one centavos.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1917.

Mr. Arnold Cross,
537 Norwood Avenue,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of inquiry of November eighteenth, I beg to say that the alloy in gold coins has not been changed in recent years. At present there are 900 parts of pure gold to 100 parts copper.

There is no law to prohibit the destruction of gold coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 23, 1917.

Mrs. E. F. Taylor,
2455 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-first, I beg to state that the Department has no documents covering the issue of so-called 25 and 50-cent gold pieces.

These pieces were issued by private parties and not coined by the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 23, 1917.

Honorable Martin Vogel,
Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
U. S. Sub-Treasury,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-first instant enclosing a letter from the City National Bank of Watertown, New York, relative to quarter dollars of different design than those first placed in circulation.

The piece described by you is genuine and was authorized by Act of Congress, dated July 9, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1917.

Honorable Jouett Shouse,
Member of Congress,
Kinsley, Kan.

My dear Mr. Shouse:

Replying to your letter of November fifteenth requesting that a copy of the Catalog of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia be sent to Prof. F. Jay South, Wilmore, Kansas, I regret to advise you that we have no copies of this work for distribution. The volume is sold at $1.00 a copy by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. We have not been allowed a supply for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1917.

Bloom Brothers,
66 Beaver Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the twenty-first instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau, and I beg to advise you that the cost of coining one million (1,000,000) five centavo pieces would be at the same rate as that which would have been charged for two and one-half million (2,500,000) pieces. It would be impossible for the Mint to supply the metal.

If this coinage is undertaken it would be necessary for you to have the metal delivered to the Mint. As you are aware, this coinage could not be undertaken until sometime in the coming year. I would be glad to have an estimate made for you as to the amount of metal required when the Mint is in a position to receive it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1917.

W. G. Gaston, Esq.,
Cashier, Fifth Avenue Bank,
530 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Gaston:

I have your letter of November twentieth relative to procuring new currency.

I have taken the matter up personally with the Treasurer's Office and am advised that the National and Federal Reserve notes are handled by the Federal Reserve Banks entirely.

If you will make application to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, I understand that it will be possible for you to obtain the small bills you desire.

If you have any difficulty and will advise me further, I will be glad to take the matter up again with the Treasurer's Office.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 24, 1917.

George B. Christian, Esq.,
Secretary to Hon. W. G. Harding,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Christian:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-second, enclosing a letter from The Dayton Savings and Trust Company, Dayton, Ohio, I beg to say that the shortage of small coins which has existed for some weeks has now been overtaken and the Mints are in a position to supply the demands of the banks. We are now operating the Mints on a twenty-four hour basis, including Sundays, and expect to have no difficulty in keeping stock on hand sufficient to meet the requirements.

I am returning for your files the letter of the Dayton Savings and Trust Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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November 24, 1917.

Mr. S. S. Stiener,
1226 Aubert Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of inquiry of November twenty-first, I beg to say that the five-cent piece is made of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 24, 1917.

Mr. Charles Bolander,
Route No. 3,
Allentown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date, I beg to advise you that the quarter dollar with the three stars under the eagle is genuine and of the design adopted by Act of Congress July 9, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1917.

Parmelee and Company,
32 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-second, I beg to say that the cost of coining pesos of the gross weight of 385.80 grains, containing 173.61 grains of silver, would be approximately $10.00 per thousand pieces. The cost of the dies would be about $400.00.

The material for the coins would have to be furnished to the Mint. The charge of $10.00 includes the cost of "working dies", but not the cost of packing or containers.

It will be impossible for me to give you an accurate estimate without more definite information as to the designs of the coin, the exact alloy and the tolerance in weight.

You are probably aware that it will be necessary to have requests for coinage for foreign governments come through the State Department to this Department from the duly accredited representative of the country concerned.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1917.

Hoover and Strong,
119 West Tupper St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-first, I beg to say that the pamphlet issued by this Bureau, entitled "Mint Processes", is out of print and we regret that we have none to distribute.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 24, 1917.

Mr. John J. Sherwin,
Bellevue,
Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of November 7th, I beg to say that one dollar in gold weighs 25.80 grains and contains 23.22 grains of pure gold; therefore, one million dollars would weigh 23,220,000 grains, which equals 4,031.25 pounds troy. Troy weights are used in the Mint Service for weighing precious metals.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 26, 1917.

Mr. Murray Schick,
Salt Lake City,
Utah.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November thirteenth, addressed to Honorable L. L. Bracken, Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, relative to a double ratio between gold and silver, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Your letter has been read with much interest, and if opportunity arises, I shall take pleasure in referring to it again.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1917.

The Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twelfth, relative to the electric furnace now in use in the Mint at Philadelphia, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a report received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia giving the data you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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November 26, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
P. O. Box 1002,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November thirteenth, making inquiry as to the brands of tin and spelter used by the Mint at San Francisco, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter received this day from the Superintendent of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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November 26, 1917.

Mr. A. D. Rose,
Lake Farm,
Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-second, I beg to advise you that the silver coins which you speak of will be redeemed at face value, if they can readily be distinguished as genuine.

The gold coins will be purchased at their bullion value only. If the silver coins are so mutilated as to be impossible of identification as coins, they will be repurchased at the bullion value of the silver, which is today approximately 85¢ an ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 26, 1917.

Dr. R. L. Newell,
Spencer,
Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 21st instant, I beg to advise you that the Mint at Denver will receive dental scrap in quantities valued at approximately $100. and over, and pay for the value of the gold and silver contents by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1917.

Guaranty Trust and Savings Bank,
Los Angeles,
California.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November twentieth, I beg to advise you that from January 1st to November 24th, nineteen seventeen, the Mints issued 66,584,000 one-cent pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 26, 1917.

Mr. C. R. Trudgeon,
Miama,
Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the nineteenth instant addressed to the Government Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo., has been forwarded here, but the package is held at St. Louis for postage, as shown by the enclosed card form 3548.

I am enclosing our form 8882, from which you can figure the cost of the work you wish to have done. On forwarding the proper amount to the U. S. Mint at Denver, and on having the package forwarded there from St. Louis, they will assay the samples and report the result to you, but cannot advise as to methods of working the ore, or as to the market value of the metals contained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 26, 1917.

Mr. G. B. Keener,
Jaeger,
West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith package forwarded by you containing pieces of jewelry, and regret to advise you that there is no institution in Washington, connected with the Government, where examination of such material is made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 26, 1917.

Mr. Paul Huhta,
Harbor Station,
Ashtabula, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the copper coin enclosed in your letter of the twenty-second instant, and beg to advise you that as it is an English coin it is not redeemable in this country. It has no special value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 26, 1917.

Honorable Roscoe McCulloch,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of the twenty-second instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and enclosing a letter from Isaac Harter and Sons, Bankers, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Mints are now being operated on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week, and we are making good progress toward overtaking the shortage which has existed for sometime. No effort is being spared to meet the demands of the banks of the country for small coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 26, 1917.

Mr. A. R. Moore,
Merritt,
Florida.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the nineteenth instant, suggesting the issue of fractional currency. As you are aware, the issue of such money would require an Act of Congress.

Your letter has been placed on file and will be referred to with pleasure should occasion arise.

I am returning herewith the coins enclosed by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 26, 1917.

Mr. Paul Cawley,
Centralia,
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-first, I beg to advise you that 3,700,000 silver dollars were coined at the Mint in New Orleans in 1904.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. B. Bennett

Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1917.

Mr. Hillard Lee,
1448 Nostrand Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-second, relative to procuring new quarter dollars, I beg to suggest that it may have been impossible for the officer to whom you applied for these coins to supply you with new quarters at the moment you asked for them. Occasionally as a result of heavy draft upon the sub-Treasury, the stock of new coins becomes depleted for the time being.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1917.

Irvington Smelting and Refining Works,
30 Church Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the twenty-fourth instant, replying to mine of the twenty-second, I beg to forward herewith a Smelter's Report blank for your use in reporting preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1916.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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, Nov. 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage Statistics.

Messers Grant, Bushnell & Co.,
73 Broad Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, requesting coinage statistics, I enclose to you herewith a proof sheet, corrected up to June 30, 1917, giving the desired information.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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(Enclosure)

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November 27, 1917.

Honorable William C. DeLaney,
Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. DeLaney:

I am writing to you in the interest of Mr. G. Henderson Sweet, who has made application for a position on the staff of Claims Examiners of your Bureau.

Mr. Sweet has been my private secretary for several months and has given entire satisfaction in his work. He is a capable stenographer and typewriter, and has unusual intelligence and is very painstaking with his work. He has made himself a very useful member of the force of this Bureau and I am very reluctant to give him up, and do so only because the opportunity for advancement with your Bureau is much greater than in this office.

He has my unqualified endorsement for any position of trust or responsibility.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, as soon as possible, one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at 86½ cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
P. O. Box 1002,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this morning, I beg to request that you forward to the Mint at San Francisco, fifty (50) tons of low-bridge electrolytic copper for minor coinage.

I am today advising the Superintendent at San Francisco that this copper will be forwarded to him from Tacoma, Washington, at the rate of 23½¢ per pound F. O. B. point of shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Night

Washington,

November 28, 1917.

Mr. Herbert Fleishhacker,
Hotel Plaza,
New York, N. Y.

At your request have arranged for postponement of meeting of Committee until Monday December third.

Director of the Mint.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau 1918
2—6627 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
November 28, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Your bid on silver respectfully declined, lower bid received.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Mint Bureau - 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
9-4637

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Dr. Frank B. Perry,
Orange,
Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-fifth, addressed to the Controller of the Currency and referred to this office for attention, I beg to advise you that copper is sold at approximately 30¢ per pound and one pound of copper will make approximately 120 one-cent pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Mr. Frank Haws,
South Zanesville,
Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 18th, I beg to advise you that this Bureau can take no action in relation to a world war souvenir piece. Authority for the issue of such a piece would have to be given to us by Congress. We are unable to advise you how to proceed further in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 30, 1917.

Superintendent,
Employes' Saving Fund,
Pennsylvania Railroad Co.,
Pennsylvania Station,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the nineteenth instant, relative to the holding of money in little banks, I beg to advise you that no circular was issued by the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 30, 1917.

Honorable George W. Loft,
54 Park Row,
New York, N. Y.

Dear George:

I have your letter of November twenty-eighth and will be glad to do anything I can to assist you in obtaining a supply of one-cent pieces.

If you will forward a draft or certified check to Honorable A. M. Joyce, Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, I will today instruct Mr. Joyce to fill your order with as little delay as possible.

The demand for one-cent pieces has been so extraordinary that the Treasurer of the United States has been obliged to restrict the banks to relatively small quantities. I will, however, in this case request the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to give your order special attention and forward the one-cent pieces to you directly. If not in one shipment, in as few shipments as possible. I will endeavor to have the $1,000. sent to you in two shipments.

On account of the very rigid restrictions placed upon the distribution of the one-cent pieces, I would be obliged if you would treat this arrangement confidentially.

Sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

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November 30, 1917.

National Park Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of November twenty-first, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, relative to coinage for the Government of Salvador, has been forwarded to this Bureau. Replying I beg to submit the following:

The cost of coining one million five-cent pieces, one million three-cent pieces and two million one-cent pieces, of the face value of $100,000.00, for the Government of Salvador, would be $4.00 per 1,000 pieces for each denomination. The alloy to be 75% copper, 25% nickel; the weight to be five, four, and two and one-half grams respectively; and the tolerance the same as United States five-cent pieces, viz: three grains. This price includes the cost of working dies; the cost of metal and boxing or kegging to be extra.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Miss Mary Hukill,
Librarian, Public School,
Carthage, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Responding to your request of November twenty-seventh, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, which will give you the coinage executed for foreign governments during the fiscal year 1916. The report for 1917, containing silver information will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received from the printer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Dr. C. E. Stauffer,
426 Circular Street,
Tiffin, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-sixth, you are advised that gold and silver scrap and old jewelry, in quantities approximating $100. in value, will be received at the Mint at Denver, Colorado, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Miss Julia Johnson,
Route 3, Box 23½,
Paynesville, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 27th, you are advised that the Government does not purchase old coins as such.

Gold and silver scrap, in quantities approximating $100. in value, will be received at the Mint at Denver, Colorado, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. Baird

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Mr. Charles Rosenstein,
3864 Poplar Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, relative to a position in the Philadelphia Mint, I beg to advise you that all appointments are subject to a Civil Service examination and certification will have to be made from a list submitted by the Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Acting Director,
Bureau of Engraving and Printing,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-seventh, I have to state that I have this day requested the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to convert silver plates referred to in your letter.

The Superintendent will be requested to forward the account for the silver plates treated by him in September in accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Honorable Thomas M. Bell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. J. H. Weddington, I beg to state that the following is all of the information that we have in regard to the Loud Gold Mines in White County, Georgia.

1880. The Land mine, White County, out of work and in litigation. This is probably a typographical error in name.

1883. The Loud Hydraulic Hose Gold Mining Company have worked in the vicinity of Loudville and of Pleasant Retreat. The production of this Company was considerably restricted by legal troubles arising from the steps preliminary to the sale, as well as by some complicated questions involving water rights.

1884. The Superintendent of the Loud Hydraulic Hose Gold Mining Company says of it: "Very little work was done on account of the uncertainty attending the result of certain suits for water rights."

Records from Charlotte were forwarded in very bad condition - would require much work to make investigation - only part of mine product may have been deposited there and it may have been recorded in some other name. Georgia state mining or geological bureau might have full record.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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November 30, 1917.

Mr. William H. Zimmerman,
1209 Mt. Vernon Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your letter of the twenty-fifth instant, relative to a position in the Mint Service, you are advised that all appointments are made as a result of Civil Service examination.

I would suggest that you apply to the District Secretary of the United States Civil Service Commission for information relative to proposed examinations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

E. F. Hitchings, Esq.,
Orono,
Maine.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of November twenty-first, addressed to Senator Frederick Hale and by him referred to this Bureau, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint, which contains the coinage executed at our Mints by years.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Mr. George A. Thornton,
1816 Alabama Avenue,
Selma, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-fourth, you are advised that no change could be made in the designs of our coins and no new coins issued without authority from Congress.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

November 30, 1917.

Parmelee and Company,
32 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November twenty-sixth, enclosing a copy of your letter of November twenty-second and the reply of this Bureau under date of November twenty-fourth, relative to coinage to be executed for a foreign country.

I regret that I am unable to give more satisfactory information than that contained in my letter of November twenty-fourth, in the absence of details from you in regard to the proposed coinage. If practicable, will you kindly advise me of the general design of the coins; of the tolerance to be allowed in weighing the same; and the alloy to be used. I assume that the alloy is to be copper. The amount of silver required for 100,000 pesos, carrying 173.61 grains each in pure silver, would be 36,169 ounces of fine silver.

I will be glad to have the Mint at Philadelphia make a careful estimate, if you will kindly give me the details asked for. On account of the pressure for our domestic coinage, it would be impossible for us to undertake the execution of coins for a foreign government before sometime in March of the coming year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 1, 1917.

Automatic Register Company,
10 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the thirtieth instant, I beg to advise you that an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a six-cent coin.

Respectfully,

R. W. Raitt

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 1, 1917.

Mr. Julius Ayers,
New Palestine,
Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date, I beg to advise you that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 1, 1917.

Mr. John M. Owens,
419 Dayton Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-seventh, I beg to advise you that there are no gold dollars in the Treasury and none in the Mints. I am unable to advise you where you may obtain such coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 1, 1917.

Mr. W. C. Meugan,
10103 Kempton Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-sixth, you are advised that the United States issued half-cent pieces from 1795 to 1811; Also 1825, 1826, 1828, 1829, 1831, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1849 and 1851; 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 3, 1917.

Stallforth and Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-eighth, you are advised that the Treasury Department is not in the market for silver for coinage purposes at the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 3, 1917.

Mr. O. I. Witmer,
Newton, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November thirtieth, I beg to state that if you will address the McKinley National Birthplace Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio, you will be able to obtain a McKinley Memorial Gold Dollar.

There are none in the Treasury. The coins are being sold by the Association at the rate of $3.00 each, or four for $10.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 4, 1917.

H. R. A. Grieser, Esq.,
29 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of November 30, I beg to advise you that the statement of values of foreign coins, issued by this Bureau for the years 1885 to 1889 inclusive, shows the value of the Mexican dollar to be as follows:

1885	$0.864
1886	.816
1887	.790
1888	.759
1889	.739

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 5, 1917.

The Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to refer to my letter of November fifth, advising you that Voland and Sons of New Rochelle, New York, were transmitting to you under date of November third, a set of weights, 500 milligrams down to .5 milligrams, marked 1000 to 1.

The weights are intended for the United States Mint at Carson and not for the United States Assay Office at Seattle, as stated in my letter.

Please advise me when the weights will be ready to be forwarded.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 5, 1917.

Mr. G. S. Johnson,
Ivydale,
West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the seventeenth instant, advising of the shipment by parcel post of a nugget of iron ore, and your letter of November twenty-eighth enclosing $1.00 to make payment for assay, have both been delivered to this Bureau.

I regret to advise you that the sample of ore has not reached this office and I am returning herewith your $1.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 5, 1917.

Mr. W. C. Teagueier,
State Fish and Game Warden,
Pratt, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the United States Treasury Department, referring to letter of November sixth, has been referred to this Bureau. As there is no Mining and Mineral Department under the control of the Government in Washington, your sample may have gone astray. I regret that the samples referred to have not been received and am returning your check for $1.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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December 5, 1917.

Mr. A. G. Stoltz,
Cashier, Second National Bank,
Bucyrus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-eighth, relative to small coins, I beg to advise you that every effort is being made to meet the demands of the public for the minor and subsidiary coins, and as the Mints are running twenty-four hours a day, including Sundays, we hope to have a stock on hand ahead of orders in a short time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 5, 1917.

Bloom Brothers,
66 Beaver Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November thirtieth, relative to 5 centavo nickel pieces for the Government of Salvador, I beg to advise you that your letter has been submitted to the Mint at Philadelphia, and as soon as an estimate as to the metal required is received from that institution, I will advise you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 5, 1917.

Assistant Treasurer of the U. S.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Please refer to my letter of November twenty-first, relative to the request of the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver to return coin sacks used in shipping minor coins to your institution.

Upon receipt of your letter advising this office as to his request, it was understood that he wanted the sacks containing minor coins returned to him, but in a letter received this day, he says that the sacks referred to are the large sacks which contain the small bags of coin. It is customary for that Mint to make shipments of minor coins in kegs, as far as possible, but owing to the heavy shipments, he has been making recently, his stock has been insufficient to accommodate all shipments, and he has been required to use large silver sacks as containers and these are the sacks to which he refers.

If you can without great inconvenience return such large bags as you may empty, it will be appreciated by him. He says that he has ordered an additional stock of kegs and upon receipt of the same it will not be necessary to use the larger bags for shipments.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1917.

J. H. Gautier and Company,

Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this office by wire when you will be able to ship crucibles ordered for the Mint at San Francisco on October thirtieth.

The Superintendent of that institution says that he must have a portion of these crucibles not later than December twenty-first, and if they have not gone forward, it may be necessary to ship part of them by express.

According to the terms of this contract, this entire order was to be shipped by you within thirty days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1917.

Irvington Smelting and Refining Works,

Irvington, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the third instant, concerning the production of gold and silver, I beg to advise that for present purposes it is desired that the receipts of gold and silver in all forms and from all sources, including the items mentioned in your letter, be reported.

Later when final figures are requested for the calendar year, it is desired that separation be made of the materials received from jewelers and others, - in other words, old material.

As per request, there is forwarded herewith an additional copy of the smelter's report form.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1917.

R. A. Cranston, Esq.,
Office of the Assistant Secretary,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

The Auditor for the Treasury Department has invited attention to a charge by the railroad company of $7.50 fare for a side trip to the Grand Canyon, on your recent trip to San Francisco and return.

As this was not on official business, nor a necessary expense of the same, I am under the necessity of requesting that you forward to this office the sum of $7.50 for deposit in the Treasury to the credit of our Contingent Appropriation. The duplicate certificate of deposit will be used to support the railroad's claim for payment of the amount involved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 5, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, as soon as possible, one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of fine silver at eighty-eight and one-quarter cents per ounce, F. O. B., Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 5, 1917.

My dear Senator Shafroth:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December first, recommending the appointment of Mr. John L. McNeil of Durango, Colorado, as a Member of the annual Assay Commission, which meets in February.

Your letter will be placed on record, and when the list is being made up sometime during January, the name of Mr. McNeil will be included in the list of names to be considered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable John F. Shafroth,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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December 5, 1917.

Assistant Cashier,
National Park Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of December third, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Salvador.

The coins enclosed have been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia and upon the return of the same to this Bureau, they will be transmitted to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 6, 1917.

Honorable James E. Watson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Referring to your inquiry of today, relative to the patenting of an alloy for a proposed new coin, I beg to advise you that an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation, and Congress would also determine the alloy of which the coins should be made. The law requires that the coinage, including the mixture of metals, shall be executed at the Mint of the United States by employees of the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1917.

Dear Director:

I am writing you in behalf of Mrs. Florence Grimwood, who desires to be appointed to a position in the Bureau under your control.

I trust that it will be possible for you to give her employment. Her case is a worthy one and I will appreciate it if you will give her application favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Oscar A. Price,
Treasury Department.

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December 6, 1917.

Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I would thank you to supply this office with a copy of your Bulletin No. 84, on Metallurgical Smoke, by Professor Fulton.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 6, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation of this day and have to request that you deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, as soon as possible, one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver bullion at eighty-eight and one-quarter cents per ounce, U. S. Mint at Philadelphia. If necessary, part of this purchase to be made up of Mexican pesos.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 7, 1917.

John T. Burns, Sec'y.,
Western Mine Operators,
Salt Lake, Utah.

Conference here continued pending arrival your delegation. Would appreciate early date as possible.

Ray Baker
Director of the Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Director of the Mint 1918.

2—6817 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 7, 1917.

Mrs. George Porter, Jr.,
108 Morgantown Street,
Uniontown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of December fourth, I beg to advise you that gold and silver scrap will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after deducting charges sufficient to cover the cost of material used in preparing the metal for coinage purposes.

The charges for the work you describe are limited to the mere cost of such materials as acids, crucibles, fuel, and so forth. Beyond the charge for these items there is no other deduction made for the work done on collections of old gold and silver sent in by societies working for the benefit of our soldiers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 7, 1917.

Honorable Joseph W. Fordney,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December sixth, enclosing a letter from Mrs. David A. Nicol, relative to the collection of old metals to be disposed of for the benefit of the War Camp Recreation Fund.

Gold and silver scrap will be received at the United States Assay Office at New York and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States. The only charge imposed for treating such material is that sufficient to cover the cost of materials used in preparing gold and silver scrap for coinage purposes. No other metals than gold and silver are receivable at the New York Assay Office.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, and silver at the market rate, which is today approximately eighty-eight cents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 7, 1917.

Mr. I. R. Buska,
136 Oakland Terrace,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date, you are advised that the Government does not issue a list of old coins, or give the value of them. The Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins or paper money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 7, 1917.

Mr. F. A. W. Dean,
103 East State Street,
Alliance, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November thirtieth, I beg to advise you that approximately $25,000. in twenty-five-cent pieces of the new design were issued in 1916.

There are none in the Mints and none in the Treasury and I am unable to advise you where you could obtain specimens of these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1917.

Louis K. Liggett Company,
340 West Fourth Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of December third, enclosing a copy of your letter of October sixteenth, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a supply of one-cent pieces, has been referred to this office for attention.

We are operating the Mints on a twenty-four hour basis, including Sundays, and expect within a very short time to have a stock on hand in advance of the orders for minor coins.

I trust you will have no further difficulty in obtaining a reasonable supply.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, please deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, as soon as possible, one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at eighty-eight and one-half cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Collect.

December 7, 1917.

Industrial and Mining Age,

New York, N. Y.

Subject matter of your telegram still under consideration.

Director of the Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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December 8, 1917.

Honorable M. de Freyre Y.,
Charge d'Affaires of Peru,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of December first, addressed to Honorable L. S. Rowe, relative to proposed coinage for your Government has been referred to this Bureau, and I beg to submit the following statement:

To manufacture 2,500,000 pieces of 20-centavos, weighing 7 grams each, tolerance 10 milligrams; 3,000,000 pieces of 10-centavos, weight 4 grams, tolerance 15 milligrams; 4,000,000 pieces 5-centavos, weighing 3 grams each, tolerance 17 milligrams, alloy of each denomination to be 75% copper and 25% nickel, for the Government of Peru, will require metal as follows:

68,617.2857 avoirdupois lbs. of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 22,872.4286 avoirdupois lbs. of nickel (99.00 nickel cobalt contents.)

The metal should be furnished by February 1, 1918, and should be forwarded to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1917.

Bloom Brothers,
66 Beaver Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November twenty-fourth, relative to the cost of coinage for the Government of Salvador, the following is submitted;

One million five-centavo pieces will be manufactured at the rate of $4.00 per thousand pieces. It is understood that the alloy is to be 75% copper and 25% nickel; the weight 5 grams; the diameter 23 m.m.; and the tolerance 2 grains. This price includes working dies. One hundred boxes and strapping will be required for packing at a cost of 90¢ each.

8,267.1429 lbs. avoirdupois of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 2,755.7143 lbs. avoirdupois of nickel (99.00 nickel cobalt contents) will be required.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1917.

National Park Bank,
New York,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the sample coins enclosed in your letter of December third.

The coins were forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of that institution reports as follows:

"I beg to return herewith, as requested, letter from the National Park Bank, New York, enclosing three Salvador coins for the purpose of comparison and find little or no difference and enclose herewith three specimens of our coinage (made in 1915 for Salvador) for your inspection and instructions."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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December 8, 1917.

Edward Brush, Esq.,
Vice-President,
American Smelting and
Refining Company,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Responding to your request of recent date, I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917, which has just been issued. I am also enclosing a copy of the Report for 1916, which also may be of service to you.

The table of the estimate of production of gold and silver in the United States, by states, is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 8, 1917.

Auditor of Revenue,
Miscellaneous Division,
Baltimore and Ohio R. R.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

With reference to your bill number 35024 for $539.30, it appears that on the item represented by the enclosed Government transportation request, there has recently been made request for refund of the value of an unused portion of the ticket, being for side trip from Williams to Grand Canyon. This request for refund has been made by Mr. A. M. Joyce, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

With return of the enclosed transportation request, will you please advise me what action is proposed, whether refund is to be made to Mr. Joyce, or whether deduction should be made from the amount of the bill in the sum of $7.50, cost of unused portion of ticket.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 8, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, I have to request that you deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, as soon as possible, one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at eighty-eight and one-half cents per ounce, F.O.B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 5, 1917.

Mr. John Kelly,
856 West 33rd Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to say that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 8, 1917.

Honorable Martin D. Foster,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December seventh, suggesting Mr. W. P. Morris of Salem, Illinois, as a Member of the annual Assay Commission, and I will take pleasure in placing Mr. Morris' name on the list to be submitted during January, when the designations are made for this Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

December 8, 1917.

Honorable Milton Kraus,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Replying to your letter of December seventh, I beg to advise you that the shortage of small coins is now being overtaken.

The Mints are being operated twenty-four hours a day, including Sundays, and we hope to have a supply on hand within a few days to meet the demands.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1917.

The Director,
Bureau of Printing
and Engraving,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for silver plates manufactured in accordance with your request of September 19th, 1917. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting Mint appropriations as follows:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918...	$ 12.84
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918.....	141.32
Total	$ 154.16

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1918.

Burroughs Adding Machine Company December 8 7.

Washington, D. C.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

10 Column Burroughs Visible Electric Adding Machine, with automatic time switch, motor for 220 volt direct current ---------- $361 25

361 25

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 10, 1917.

F. H. Gautier Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Ship entire lot of crucibles ordered for Mint San Francisco by freight soon as possible.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont., Exp., - Director of the Mint 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2158.

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December 10, 1917.

Pennsylvania Smelting Company,
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of December fourth giving preliminary estimate of your production of silver and gold for the year 1917 has been received, for which please accept my thanks. Concerning the distribution of material received from the Northport Smelting and Refining Company, I beg to advise that it is expected the figures will be furnished by that company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1917.

Bartlesville Zinc Company,
Bartlesville,
Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

In order to secure data from which to prepare the usual annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver produced in the United States, to be given to the press on January 2, 1918, I am addressing the smelting and refining interests with request for information as to the quantities (ounces 1000 fine) received by them from all sources and in all forms during ten or eleven months of the calendar year, and an estimate of the quantities expected during the remainder of the year 1917.

The preliminary estimates usually so closely approximate the final figures that they are generally accepted as practically complete, and comparatively little further interest is shown. It is therefore very desirable that the most reliable information obtainable shall be available in making this preliminary estimate and I am counting upon your co-operation.

Distribution of your receipts by states in which produced, so far as practicable, is desired, and where this cannot be given indication of the quantities received from other companies or works, naming each works and the quantity received therefrom, in order that the material may be traced back and that there may not be duplication in the final results. If you are unable to give accurate distribution by states, please make the best possible estimate.

As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as confidential and will be used only in the compilation of aggregates.

This data should reach Washington at the earliest practicable date - if necessary so as to reach here by December twenty-sixth please wire, collect.

Permit me to assure you that previous co-operation of the refining and smelting interests of the country

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is greatly appreciated, since without it the value of such estimate as could be made would be inconsiderable.

Thanking you in advance for your continued assistance, I am,

Truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Director of the Mint 1918.

Mackall Brothers, December 10, 7

823 H Street, N. E., Wash., D. C.

Laboratory, Mint Bureau, Treasury Department.

Acid, nitric			
C.p., sp. gr. 1.42 (7 lb. bottles - 10 bottles to the case)	1 case lb	.13	9 10

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Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this day, I have to request that you deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at eighty-eight and one quarter cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JNG

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December 11, 1917.

Brandt Manufacturing Company,
Watertown,
Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December sixth, I beg to state that at the present time the Department has not under contemplation a recommendation for an issue of a new coin.

As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required for the manufacture of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

Dr. M. T. Uhler,
119 North Clark Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December fourth, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying you are advised that this Department purchases silver bullion for use in coinage at the market price of silver which as you know changes daily. Purchases are made in quantities of 100,000 ounces and upwards.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

Mrs. Janie Deming,
7304 Yale Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of November twenty-eighth has been received, and I beg to advise you that deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, will be received at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the gold and silver contents only. Shipment of the material should be made by express, prepaid.

Charges imposed for treating the metal are limited to the actual cost of materials used in preparing the same for coinage purposes. The amount of the charges will be deducted from the proceeds of the metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

Mr. D. S. Lochrie,
515 Boston Building,
Salt Lake City, Ut.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December fifth, addressed to Honorable William H. King, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the coinage of a 2½¢ piece.

Your letter has been read with very much interest and I shall take pleasure in referring to it if legislation looking to the manufacture of another coin than those now in circulation is undertaken.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

Mr. Joseph C. Rent,
211 South Lang Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December fifth, I have taken pleasure in causing to be sent to you a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint, in which you will find the coinage by years since the beginning of our coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

Mr. John D. Russell, Jr.,
Liberty Hill,
Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the fourth instant, addressed to the U. S. Assay Office, Austin, Texas, I beg to advise you that the institutions of the Mint Service are not in the market for platinum. I regret that I am unable to advise you where you may dispose of the same. I would suggest that you confer with some jewelry dealer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

Mrs. E. S. Nicol,
525 No. Jefferson Avenue,
Saginaw, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 4th, you are advised that deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, will be received at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of gold and silver contents only. The Mint will not be able to handle copper, lead, or brass.

Charges imposed for treating this material are limited to the actual cost of materials used in preparing the metals for coinage purposes. The amount of the charges will be deducted from the proceeds of the metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

The Chief
of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $3,591.00, covering the cost of manufacturing 72,000 pesos in ten centavos and 54,000 pesos in 20-centavos, delvered to the representative of the War Depa rtment on December 4, 1917.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations for th e support of the Mint at San Francisco, 1918:-

Wages of Workmen ----------$2,394.00
Contingent Expenses, ------- 1,197.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

Mrs. Charles H. Bell,
Portland,
Connecticut.

Dear Madam:

The package of silver and gold scrap forwarded by you to the "United States Assay Office, Washington", has been referred to this Bureau.

The worn fifty-cent piece, the Columbian half-dollar, and the two three-cent pieces have been redeemed at face value and I am enclosing herewith their equivalent. The silver and gold articles have been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York, and the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you a check for the value of the gold and silver contents, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 13, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,

New York, N. Y.

Your offer hundred thousand ounces silver San Francisco Mint at eighty-eight and five-eighths accepted.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. - Director of the Mint 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—2827 DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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December 13, 1917.

Wells, Fargo and Company,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning for correction two vouchers, your numbers TD3-10-17 and TD4-10-17, in amounts $3.49 and $4.97.

Please see pencil notations on vouchers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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December 15, 1917.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of the twelfth instant, I have to request that you deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, one hundred thousand ounces of silver at eighty-eight and one-quarter cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint; prompt shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1917.

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of the twelfth instant, I have to request that you deposit with the Mint at Philadelphia, one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver at eighty-eight and three-eighths cents per ounce, F. O. B. that Mint; prompt shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

File

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December 13, 1917.

Mr. M. L. Fleagler,
Bellevue,
Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December sixth, I beg to advise you that the value of one ton of chemically pure gold is worth $602,928.50 1/4.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1917.

Wells, Fargo and Company,
Express,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Owing to large shipments of minor coin being made from the Mint at Denver to sub-Treasuries, they have been compelled to use large bags as containers of this coin, for the reason that their supply of kegs is insufficient, and the Superintendent at Denver has requested the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago to return these bags to him.

I would thank you if you will advise me whether your company will return such bags when used as containers, in place of the kegs, without expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1917.

Assistant Treasurer of the U. S.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of December tenth in relation to large coin sacks used as containers for minor coin shipped from the Mint at Denver, and beg to say that while it has been customary for express companies to return kegs used as such containers to the Mints without charge, I have not been advised whether they would be willing to return the bags referred to free of charge, although it was understood from the letter received from the Superintendent at Denver that such was the case.

In order that the matter may be definitely settled, it has been referred to the express company for a decision and I will take pleasure in advising you of what they say.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1917.

Southern Express Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of a card under date of December third advising that you have a shipment directed to the Mint of the United States, Washington, D. C., carrying charges of $1.39.

I have to request that you inform the shipper that this office has no fund from which express charges can be paid. If the package contains bullion which the shipper desires to sell to the Government, it should be reconsigned to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Card is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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December 13, 1917.

Mr. Ed. Jones,
C/o Mr. L. B. Ewing,
Electric, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the tenth instant, enclosing samples of rock, has been received, and the samples are returned herewith with the advice that the same have no particular commercial value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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December 13, 1917.

Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a revised estimate on the cost of equipping the Mint at Manila. This estimate covers the coinage of the following amounts annually.

				Pieces
2,500,000	pesos in	50-centavos,	equalling	5,000,000
1,250,000	pesos in	20-centavos,	"	6,250,000
500,000	" "	10-centavos,	"	5,000,000
250,000	" "	5-centavos,	"	5,000,000
100,000	" "	1-centavos,	"	10,000,000
	Total pieces			31,250,000.

Trusting this estimate will be satisfactory to you, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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December 13, 1917.

Chief,
Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December eleventh, relative to coinage for the Philippine Islands, and have to advise that the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint has been engaged in Philippine coinage since the sailing of the last transport.

I hope to have a shipment of coins ready for the transport sailing in January as you request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1917.

E. A. Potter and Company,
Providence,
Rhode Island.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your letter of December tenth, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917, just issued. On pages 66, 67, 255, and 260 you will find statement giving the amount of gold and silver consumed in the arts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1917.

Mr. C. S. Dennis,
Mt. Sterling,
Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December tenth, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917, covering the operations of the institutions of the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Book to Mining Statistics 3/15 to 3/18

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December 14, 1917.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General
Consulate General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of December 8th I beg to submit the following estimate upon the production of 1000 cylindrical pieces of steel for the Government of Peru:-

500 pieces 2-1/4 inches in diameter and 2-1/4 inches high ----------each -------$1.00

500 pieces 2 inches in diameter and 1-1/2 inches high ---------- each -------$0.60

The above is a revision of an estimate previously made upon steel 1-1/2 inches in diameter, and therefore less than the estimate herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department, Office of Director of the Mint.
December 14, 1917.

Respectfully returned, attention invited to letter of this office dated Oct. 23, 1917, forwarding the bill in question to the Chief Forester for settlement, by transfer of the amounts indicated on face of voucher to the credit of the appropriations named.

Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 14 1917

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this day, and to request that you deliver to the Mint at Philadelphia One hundred and fifty thousand ounces of fine silver at eighty nine and one-quarter cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint. Prompt delivery.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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Dec. 14 1917

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this day and to request that you deliver to the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at eighty-eight and one-half cents per fine ounce, f.o.b. that mint. Prompt delivery.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FMC

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December 17, 1917.

The Standard Coin Counter, Inc.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise me of the cost of furnishing the United States Mint at San Francisco with one electrically driven Standard Coin Counting Machine, to count from cents to half dollars, motor for 220 volt direct current. Please include cost of delivery in quoting price.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Dec 17 1917

Handy and Harman,
39 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation had with you on this day, and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of fine silver at eighty-nine cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that mint. Prompt delivery.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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December 17, 1917.

Mr. Edwin W. Biggerstaff,
Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant I beg to advise you that appointments to positions in the Mint Service, including those in the Engraving Department, are subject to Civil Service rules and regulations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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First National Exchange Bank,
Port Huron, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of December 12 enclosing postal card received by you from the Adams Express Company relative to kegs. The kegs appear to be consigned to "Mint of the United States, Washington, D. C." There is no mint in Washington, hence, I regret that I am unable to assist you in the matter. If the kegs were intended for the Mint at Philadelphia please advise the Express Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director Mint, 1916.

McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc. Ded. 17, 1917.

239 West 39th St., New York City

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

The Mineral Industry during 1916, Vol. XXV 1 1000

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Director of the Mint,

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office Director Mint, 1918.

The Stevens Copper Handbook Co.,

29 Broadway, New York City.

Dec. 17, 1917.

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

The Mines Handbook and Copper Handbook,

Volume XIII 1 10 00

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Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 17, 1917.

McGraw & Hill Book Co., Inc.,

239 West 39th Street, New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find formal order, together with voucher, for volume XXV of Mineral Industry. Kindly certify the voucher at place marked with a cross in the margin and return same to this office, and upon receipt of the book check will be mailed you in payment.

I note from your communication an offer to send the volume on 10 days approval. May I ask that you kindly forward this work regularly to the Director of the Mint, immediately after publication, with the understanding that if we are not in position to retain and pay for same it will be promptly returned? We find its contents of value and would like to receive it promptly after issue, and this method will avoid delay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 17, 1917.

The Stevens Copper Handbook Co.,

29 Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find formal order, together with voucher, for volume XIII of The Mines Handbook and Copper Handbook. If the work is not yet ready for distribution kindly forward it when ready, at the same time certifying, at the place marked with a cross in the margin, the voucher and returning same to this office. Upon receipt of the book and the voucher a check will be mailed you in payment.

Will be pleased to be notified promptly when future volumes are ready for distribution, in order that they may be secured without delay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 18, 1917.

American Smelting Refining Company,
New York City.

Your offer silver delivered Philadelphia eighty-eight one quarter accepted.

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
3—6521

Summary of E&S Report

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December 20, 1917.

Hon. James A. Wetmore,
Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Wetmore,

I beg to call to your attention the very urgent need of proceeding as rapidly as possible with the completion of work on the building now under construction for the New York Assay Office.

The condition of the building is so very bad that not only the business of the office and that of the public is seriously hampered, but the property of the Government at this point, in the form of gold bars of the value of $890,000,000, is entirely without adequate protection. We are now maintaining an extra guard of armed men inside and outside the building at a considerable expense, as the only means of caring for the bullion stored in the building. The construction of the vaults proposed, and the remainder of the building should be hastened as much as possible. The largest amount of treasure in any one institution of the Government is at this point, and the responsibility of protecting it is very grave under present conditions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1917.

Iselin & Company,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date accepting your offer of 1,500,000 ounces of silver to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.89-1/8 cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

December 21, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Company
New York City.

Your offer silver delivered San Francisco

eighty-nine five eighths accepted.

Baker
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2133.

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December 21, 1917.

Mr. John H. Fahey,
40 Court Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant, and regret that I was unable to see you during your recent visit to Washington.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been authorized to visit the north in connection with similar machinery to that you describe which has been offered to us. Will you please advise me by return mail where the presses you have referred to may be inspected by the Superintendent of the Mint. Upon receipt of this information from you authority will be sent to the Superintendent to make an inspection of the apparatus, to determine upon its suitability for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1917.

Mrs. A. E. Bates,
1130 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Madam:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a check on the Treasurer of the United States, amounting to $896.15, covering the value of gold and silver contributed for the benefit of the Red Cross, and forwarded from this Bureau to the New York Assay Office for treatment.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1917.

Wright, Kay & Co.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant I beg to suggest that you address the Superintendent of the Assay Office of the United States at New York in regard to the fineness of the bars desired by you. That officer is authorized to sell gold bars in quantities valued at not less than $5,000 and upwards, in bars of various sizes.

The law does not prohibit the destruction of coins, or their defacement to such an extent that they cannot be restored to circulation as coins. The law prohibits the fraudulent reduction in the weight of coins with the intention of restoring them to circulation as coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1917.

Mr. William F. Dean,
46 Vineyard Street,
Providence, R. I.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 15th instant I beg to advise you that all positions in the Mint Service are subject to civil service examination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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December 22, 1917.

The Auditor
for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contract made with the Scovill Manufacturing Company for supplying blanks in bronze and nickel for the minor coinage, the contract having been duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1917.

A. Iselin & Co.,
36 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant relative to silver purchase made over the telephone on December 21st.

It is understood that you are to deliver to the Mint at Philadelphia 2,000,000 pesos, approximately 1,500,000 ounces of fine silver, at the rate of $0.69-1/8 cents per fine ounce, less the usual refining charge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1918.

The Standard Coin Counter, Inc., December 22, 7.

48 Boerum Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Superintendent U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Standard Coin Counter, electrically driven, to count from cents to half dollars, motor for 220 volt direct current ----------	One	$465 90
(Price to include cost of delivery)		

465 00

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1917.

Mrs. W. H. Butler,
425 Wayne Street,
Sandusky, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date I beg to advise you that old gold and silver scrap, in quantities valued at $100 and over, will be received by the U. S. Assay Office at New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

The charges are nominal and merely enough to cover the cost of materials used in preparing the metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1917.

Miss Anne G. Carson,
1510 Seventh Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant I beg to advise you that the institutions of the Mint service are not required to receive deposits of old gold and silver which do not approximate in value $100.00. Material in sufficient quantities to approach this amount will be received and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, and the gold and silver paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States. A nominal charge for the materials used in fitting the metals for coinage purposes is deducted from the proceeds.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1917.

Mr. W. S. Twiddy,
Deputy Assistant Treasurer
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant I beg to advise you that the estimate now being compiled covering the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1917, will not be ready for publication until early in January. A copy will be sent to you as soon as the statement is completed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1917.

Mr. Clark W. Miller,
Findlay, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant I beg to say that old gold and silver will be received at the New York Assay Office and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

The offices are not supposed to receive deposits of this kind which do not approximate in value $100.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Dec 22 1917

Hendy and Harman,
59 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephonic conversation had with you this day and to request that you ship promptly to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia one hundred and twenty five thousand ounces of fine silver at the rate of ninety one and one-half cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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Dec 24 1917

Assistant Treasurer of the U.S.,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

I beg to again refer to your letter of December 10th and to mine of Dec. 13th. in relation to returning to the Mint at Denver large coin sacks used as containers in minor coin shipments, and to say that the Wells Fargo and Company Express have this day advised me that in making their classification provision was made for returning empty bags free.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FMC

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Dec 24 1917

Zimmermann and Forshay,

New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephonic conversation this day and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia One hundred thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of ninety-one and one half cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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December 24, 1917.

The Quartermaster General,
Navy Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 31st, I beg to state that this Bureau is to-day in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to changing the bars of the Good Conduct Medals of the Marine Corps.

"There will be no change in cost for making the bars but to make the necessary alterations in the cutting tools and dies there will be a charge of not more than $50.00."

"There are enclosed two bars showing the slides can be xx lengthened without making the bars longer. No new dies would be required here but new dies would have to be made for the rifle bar."

In this connection the Superintendent suggests that if the Marine Corps has many bars like the one forwarded, marked "2nd Enlistment" we could make a die and strike this lettering for them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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The Auditor
for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contract for supplying the Mint at Philadelphia with coal for the balance of the current fiscal year, which has been duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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M. D. & H. L. Smith Company,
Dalton, Georgia.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a copy of a letter sent by you to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau.

In reply to an inquiry the Superintendent of the Mint reports as follows:-

"On September 1st we placed an order for 100,000 #5 coin bags and 25,000 #1 coin bags with this Company and have received the following:-

	Date of shipment.	Received.	
No. 1 bags	Nov. 3, 1917	Nov. 19	1,600 bags
"	6, 1917	27	3,500 "
"	2	Dec. 7	3,400 "
	Total received to date -----		8,500
No. 5 bags	Sep. 15, 1917	Oct. 23	50,000 "
"	Nov. 27	Dec. 18 & 19	32,700
	Total received to date -----		82,700

17,300 No. 5 coin bags have been lost in transit, shipment having been made Sept. 29th."

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In reply to a letter from you of October 8th the Superintendent wrote you on October 10th that he had no objection to making partial payments on orders, that if the various deliveries extended over a considerable period of time a voucher might be presented for whatever goods had been delivered, and he enclosed a blank voucher that you might bill all bags delivered on Order 97, stating, however, that neither shipment of No. 5 bags had as yet come in. You returned the voucher, which included the 17,300 bags shipped but not received by the Mint. Payment could not be made for goods before their receipt at the Mint.

On December 13th the Superintendent sent you a voucher covering all the deliveries on No. 1 and No. 5 bags, which you returned, signed as requested, and check has been forwarded to you.

The Superintendent also received your voucher covering the delivery of 32,700 bags on December 18th and 19th, for which check has been forwarded to you.

It further appears that your letter of complaint to the Superintendent, dated the 7th of December, was received at the Mint December 10th, and a voucher was forwarded to you, as above stated, on December 13th, the date you referred the matter to this Department.

In view of the above it would seem that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia used appropriate discretion in dealing with you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Handy and Harman,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Complying with your request over telephone this day, I beg to advise you that the total amount of silver coined this calender year to date is 20,700,000 fine ounces which includes uncurrect coin re-coined. The total amount of new silver coined is 18,190,000 fine ounces.

The above figures are approximated as the exact figures have not yet been compiled.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Director.

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The B. Frankel Co.,

221 Fourth Avenue,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 26th instant I beg to advise that in fixing the value of foreign silver coins, the value of the silver contained is used, figured at the average market price for the quarter preceding the date of our circular - "Value of Foreign Coins."

You will doubtless recall that during September last silver was very high, and in fact has been much higher than usual for several months past. This accounts for the quotation of $0.7717 for the Mexican dollar, quoted in circular dated October 1, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. F. C. Meyers,
Edgerton, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant you are advised that there is no law which prohibits the melting up of gold coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. D. F. Pfouts,
Dresden Chamber of Commerce,
Dresden, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant I beg to advise you that the Government does not purchase platinum in small quantities. Thanking you for offering what you have, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mrs. Frank A. Brown,
313 Noxon Street,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the two gold pieces forwarded by you and regret to advise you that they are not redeemable. The coins have bullion value only, the weight having been reduced by abrasion and mutilation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Dear Senator James:

I have your letter of the 21st instant enclosing a letter received from the Painteville National Bank relative to a shortage of small coins.

All of the mints are now being operated on a twenty-four hour a day basis, and a stock of all denominations of coins is now on hand and available to the banks. I would suggest that the Bank be advised to address the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Cincinnati in regard to a shipment of coin of different denominations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Ollie M. James,
United States Senate.

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Mr. Arthur D. Jenkins,
968 Eugene Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant I beg to say that the Department is not paying out gold coins at this time. I regret that we are unable to supply the quarter eagles you ask for.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. George A. Code,
406 - 410 Plymouth Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The letter has been read with interest, but the Government is not in position to participate in the development of the gold field described by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over the phone this day and to request that you ship to the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia One hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at the rate of 91 3/4 cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

FHC

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Jordan Herbert Stabler,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stabler:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in behalf of Mr. Jose M. Mejia, about whom the Colombian Minister has written to you.

For the last year all of the mints and assay offices of the United States have been closed to visitors, in accordance with a general policy of the Department. I would be very happy to direct that all of the courtesies of the Mint at San Francisco be extended to Mr. Mejia, but under present conditions I regret that I do not feel justified in suspending a rule which the Superintendent of the Mint has been instructed to enforce rigidly. Under normal conditions I would be very glad to encourage the study of our refinery processes.

Trusting you will appreciate my position in the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
Consulate of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant relative to the preparation of cylindrical steel pieces for your Government, to be prepared at the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, I beg to say that the Superintendent of the Mint reports the steel pieces will be ready on February 1st.

In this connection, will you please advise me of the agent to receive the material at the Mint upon the completion of the order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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The Chief
of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 27th instant I have taken pleasure in transmitting to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco instructions for the recoinage of two shipments of silver coin referred to, and the manufacture of the additional coins requested by the Governor General at Manila in his cable to you under date of December 25th. The Superintendent has also been instructed to make monthly shipments on your order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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G. Amsinck & Company,
6 Hanover Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia is planning to commence the coinage of five centavo pieces for the Government of Ecuador early in January.

The existing order is for 5,980,000 pieces of the denomination named, and it is understood that you are to act as agent for the Ecuadorean government in receiving the coin from the Mint.

The Superintendent reports that 5,980,000 five-centavo pieces, weighing three grams each, will take 9,887.5029 avoirdupois pounds of nickel (99 nickel-cobalt contents) and 29,662.5086 avoirdupois pounds of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents).

It will be necessary to have the metal for the coinage delivered to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia before the coinage can begin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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G. Amsinck & Co.,
6 Hanover Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your communication of the 4th instant relative to further coinage for the government of Ecuador I beg to submit the following:-

The cost of coining 2,000,000 five centavo pieces, including the working dies, will be $4.00 per 1,000 pieces, alloy 75% copper and 25% nickel. The weight of each piece to be three grams and the tolerance three grains. Metal and boxes for packing extra. The amount of metal required for the five centavo pieces will be 9,920.5714 lbs. avoirdupois, electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 3,306.85715 lbs. avoirdupois of nickel (99 nickel cobalt contents).

The cost of coining 1,000,000 ten centavo pieces, including the working dies, will be $4.00 per 1,000 pieces, alloy 75% and 25% nickel, 22 millimeters in diameter, weight five grams. Metal and boxes for packing extra. The tolerance to be the same as the five centavo piece. The amount of metal required for the ten centavo pieces will be 8,267.1439 lbs. av. electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 2,755.7143 lbs. av. nickel (99 nickel cobalt contents)

The charge for the master dies and hubs for the ten centavo piece, the coin to be similar in design to the five centavo and the two and one-half centavo pieces made at the Philadelphia Mint for the Government of Ecuador, will be $300.00.

It will require about 60 days to complete the dies for the ten-centavo pieces, and about 30 days after their completion to execute the coinage of the three million pieces of five and ten centavos.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Dr B.B.Pettit,
St Louis, Mich.

Sir:

Your letter of Dec. 22nd enclosed with package of dental scrap has been received, and the bullion has been forwarded to the U.S.Assay Office at New York with instructions to treat the same, and to forward check for its value, less treatment charges to you.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FIC

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Dear Mr. Barrett:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant enclosing letters from Mr. Jose A. Mejia, a citizen of Colombia, South America, who desires to study the refinery of the Mint at San Francisco.

For the last year all of the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States have been closed to visitors, in accordance with a general policy of the Department. It would give me pleasure to cause to be extended to Mr. Mejia all of the courtesies of the San Francisco Mint, but under present conditions I regret that I do not feel at liberty to suspend a rule which the Superintendent has been required to rigidly enforce. Under normal conditions I would be glad to encourage the study of our refinery processes. I am sure you will appreciate my attitude in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John Barrett,
Director of the Pan
American Union,
Washington, D. C.

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Col. J. W. Joyce, U. S. A.,
Ordnance Department,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant relative to platinum refining to be done at the New York Assay Office, I beg to submit an excerpt from a letter received from the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office:-

> " * * There seems to be some confusion as between the Ordnance Department and the Department of Commerce. As stated in my recommendation we now have nine boxes supposed to contain 21,000 ounces of platinum, stored unopened in our vaults, awaiting instructions as to its disposition. This platinum was consigned to the Secretary of Commerce with instructions to notify the Irving National Bank and Arnold G. Hansen, 44 Whitehall St., New York City. Upon its arrival here it was commandeered by Colonel Mitcham, Chief of Ordnance at Governors Island for the Ordnance Department of the Army and held by him two days. At that time he received instructions from Washington to deliver the same to us and it came into my possession on the 20th inst. Mr. Hansen has asked authority to be present personally, or to have his representative present at the time the seals on the packages are broken and their contents weighed and assayed; also, to have him the privilege of having his own assayer present. This I presume to enable him to agree with the Government on the weight and assay to be fixed for the deposit. I assume that the Ordnance Department will fully cover these matters in their final communication to you or to me. I, therefore, write you these facts so that in negotiating with them in the matter of Hansen's interest, and a possible interest of the Irving National Bank and of the Department of Commerce may be noted so that when we act upon the matter, all of these things can be taken care of simultaneously."

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In view of the above statement by the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York I will be glad to be advised by you of your wishes in regard to the parties to be represented in dealing with the metal, and the Department responsible for its disposition after treatment by our Assay Office.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office will be authorized to prepare immediately to refine the bullion as soon as I am in receipt of your final communication.

The charge to be imposed for refining approximately 4000 ounces of crude platinum, referred to in your communication of the 19th instant, will be $1,00 per fine ounce. It is assumed that this is a portion of the 21,000 ounces now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Assay Office.

Awaiting your further instructions, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Memo to be filed with Phillipine coinage data.

Copy of cable "Coin our shipments to San Francisco Mint of Oct. 15 and Nov. 18th, 800,000 pesos in 50 centavos, 300,000 pesos in 20 centavos, the balance, plus the seigniorage, in 10 centavos. Add to this order 75,000 pesos in 1 centavos. Request monthly shipments on this order."

Bureau of the Mint,
December 29, 1917.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, for compliance with the above requests as to denominations of coin to be executed, and the preparation of monthly shipments of coin for the Philippines, it being understood that the volume of Philippine coinage to be executed is to be governed by the demands made upon you for domestic coinage.

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Harry H. Jordon
314 - 323 Mills Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant I beg to say that gold and silver scrap will be received at the New York Assay Office in amounts approximating $100 in value. Payment for gold and silver contents only would be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

The Government does not purchase small quantities of platinum, such as that contained in dental scrap.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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